

Diary dates

Monday 1.30pm Bowls.

Tuesday 10-12noon Parent and toddlers.

10 -11.30 am Lent course at St Peter's

Wednesday -1.45pm-2.45pm Adult colouring in church.

7.30pm Lent course at St Peter's

Thursday – 9.30am Informal Communion at St John's.

-10-12noon Parent and Toddlers.

7.00pm Agape Maundy Thursday Meal at St Peter's

Friday 9.45am Good Friday Walk of Witness starts Baptist Church

– 7pm Hour at the cross with Revd,Ian Evans.

Saturday – 11am Easter egg hunt at the Quarton's

19th April – 8pm St John's AGM

28th April – 8pm Parish AGM and PCC meeting at Christ Church.

4th May – 7.30-9pm Workplace chaplain event –Ecumenical Centre

16th June – Parish Prayers 7.30-8.30pm

26th June – Priesting of Allison Davies at Worcester Cathedral.

28th July – PCC meeting at St Peter's

15th September – Parish Prayers 7.30-8.30pm

27th October – PCC meeting at St Johns

1st December – Parish Prayers 7.30-8.30pm

Please pray for:

Garth and Jenny, Richard and Wendy, Ian and Judy

Those who are mourning.

Those awaiting hospital treatment.

Archdeacon's annual visit to the Parish on 19th May

The Kigezi Water and Sanitation project we are supporting

SPICE activities.

The Alexandra Hospital and Worcestershire Acute Trust.

For charities reaching out to the lost, lonely and hungry.

Keep praying for

Roy Bush.

Claire and Paul Burnham.

Stephen Ward.

Peggy Snellgrove.

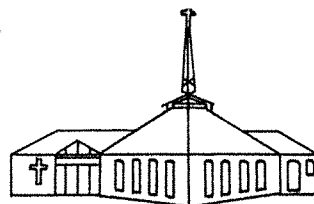
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News from St John's

Sunday 20th March 2016

Dear All

Palm Sunday.

What a sight! Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. The crowd shouting with excitement. And we have this wonderful scene unfold as we think of Palm Sunday.

The people were willing to give him the clothes off their backs. They were willing to support what they perceived to be his cause. They saw Him as the Messiah, the Promised One, The son of David, who would overthrow the Roman rulers and liberate Israel. This was the "occupy Jerusalem" moment. They were willing to shout out their praise, and their acceptance of Him. There was an air of festivity that day. The crowd would have given Him anything at that moment.

However, there is one thing that He really wanted from them that they found themselves unwilling to give. He wanted their heart. He wanted to be the centre and the Lord of their life, and that, they were unwilling to give. This same crowd, a few days later change their cry of "Hosanna! Hosanna!" to "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

Like the crowd it is easy for us to give Him the expendable things in our lives, get caught up in the moment, excited in His presence. But it is difficult to give Him our heart. But Jesus wants our heart. This Holy Week let us consider how we deny Him the heart he wants us to offer, and make the decision to invite the risen Saviour in.

Blessings,

Canon Garth Nathaniel (Rector)

Church Electoral Roll Revision:

If you are not on the church membership roll known as the Electoral Roll please take a form to complete. If you have any questions please speak to Dawn Wilson. The forms need to be returned by April 10th

Easter Services

Invitations are available for the Easter Services, plenty have been printed, so please take them and hand out to friends, family, neighbours including those around the church. It is surprising how many leaflets can be posted through letterboxes in ½ an hour or so, please sign up for a street around the church if you are able. It would be great if as many people as possible were able to hear the Good News of Easter.

Weekly informal communion – new

Great news, Holy Communion available Thursday morning's during lent, will continue after Easter - 9.30am at St John's. Refreshments for which a small donation to cover costs is invited are also available.

Good Friday Walk of Witness

The Good Friday Walk of Witness will begin this year from the Baptist Church on Easemore Road. There will first be a service in the Church from 9.45 a.m, led by Andrew Diaper. The walk will begin at 10.30 a.m. and process around the town, ending outside St. Stephen's at 11.45 a.m. Soup and a roll will be available inside St. Stephen's following the walk, which itself will be followed by a time of reflection before the Cross led by Paul Lawlor. The main focus for the walk will be the Cross. We will be carrying together a large cross, and this year palm crosses will be provided for participants to give out to passers by. There will be a service here at St John's 7pm with Revd. Ian Evans

Agape Maundy Thursday meal

The bring and share Maundy Thursday meal will be at St Peter's this year, it takes place this Thursday 7pm, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you will be attending.

Colouring for adults

This enjoyable session continues on Wednesday 1.45-2.45pm in the church, if you would like to bring any other craft activity please do.

Easter Services



Today – Palm Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship with Vicki Quarton. Luke 19:28-40

6.30pm Evening praise with Richard Harding. Reading Mark 9:33-37.

7.00pm Maundy Thursday Agape Meal at St Peter's

Good Friday

10.30am Good Friday service with Revd. Garth Nathaniel

7.00pm Hour at the Cross meditation with Revd. Ian Evans.

Easter Saturday

5.00pm Candlelight vigil at St Peter's.

Easter Day

10.30am Easter Communion with Revd. Ian Evans Acts 10: 34-43 and John 20.1-18.

6.30pm Easter Praise with Rosemary Humphrey.

Please find below brief points from the February DCC meeting:

Please speak with any of the DCC members if you have any questions:

- Mid week communion – Garth rearranged his diary to make this possible; it will start straight away.
- Walk of Witness – Churches Together will be co-ordinating this again, congregation to be encouraged to attend.
- ALM Courses to start again in September, Youth/Childrens work, Community worker, Evangelist, Pastoral Worker and Worship leader, sign post congregation to www.cofe-worcester.org.uk
- Bishop John's Lent message is to be played in church and donations invited to the Link Diocese in Morogoro Tanzania.
- Pastoral care document presented to the DCC by Garth, first stage is general care the congregation provides to one another, for other stages members of a Pastoral Care Group to be identified and training provided.
- 2015 provisional accounts were agreed, ready to go to PCC, expected income for 2016 and cash flow discussed.
- History of the Church 'To Gods Glory' presented, agreed to cost of £3 to go to St John's. Thanks to Dot recorded.