

Diary dates

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
7th June – Care for the family event Cheltenham
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:

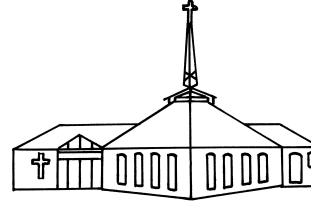
Garth and Jenny, Richard and Wendy, Ian and Judy
Belgium and for all those affected by the terrorist attacks in Brussels
Those who are mourning.
EU Referendum and upcoming local elections.
Those awaiting hospital treatment.
Archdeacon's annual visit to the Parish on 19th May
The Kigezi Water and Sanitation 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.

Contacts

Ipsley Rector: Canon Garth Nathaniel g.nathaniel@btinternet.com
Telephone 01527 522847
Churchwardens: Ann 01527 527789 anndonovan49@yahoo.co.uk
Sharon 01527 541492 forrest_s@btinternet.com



St. John The Evangelist

Parish of Ipsley
01527 501092

stjohnschurchredditch@gmail.com

News from St John's Easter Notices

Alleluia Christ is Risen:
He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia

Wishing you all at St John's a very Happy Easter.

Having just embraced Holy Week and now with our Easter celebrations underway, I would like to take a moment to thank you for all of your support, prayers and gifts that make everything we do at St John's possible.

The story and the message of Easter is the heart of the gospel. It is more than just the story. To engage with the Easter story, is to engage with the gospel. The gospel is the power of salvation, and as Paul says, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." To engage with the death and resurrection of Jesus is a life changing experience with profound meaning for our lives. As Paul writes, "For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory." Colossians 3:3-4

This Easter, I pray you have an opportunity to fully engage with the truth of the gospel and the new life and new hope found in Jesus.

I pray too for kingdom-growing opportunities to share this good news in the community and in our church.

Easter Blessings,
Canon Garth Nathaniel

Easter Praise

Our service this evening will include readings, reflections, music and song, as we look at how the story unfolds on Easter Day. If anyone would like to do a reading, please see Rosie.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Geoff and Lynda Adams celebrating their 50 year wedding anniversary this Easter.

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

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.

Open Church

Now the weather is improving we all look forward to getting out of the house more, however many older or less mobile people can feel isolated if there isn't anything in short distance for them to do. We are continuing to open the Church up to the community on Thursday morning's by providing a coffee drop in, it is proving popular, but it can only continue if we have people to help, just making hot drinks and welcoming people is all that is needed and it doesn't have to be every week, the more that volunteer the less there is to do. Please see Barry or Rosie.

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.

Please note

Our Rector Garth is on his post Easter break till the 16th of April. If there is a pastoral need please contact Maureen Hughes, Ann Donovan or Sharon Forrest.

Bishop John's Easter Message

A copy of Bishop John's 2 Easter messages is available on the desk in the foyer, a further message was given after the Brussels attack.



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 by extension with Revd. Ian Evans
Acts 10: 34-43 and John 20.1-18.**

6.30pm Easter Praise with Rosemary Humphrey.

Next Sunday- Easter 2

10.30am Worship for everyone.

6.30pm Evening Praise with Revd. Richard Harding

The Wisdom House -

Rob Parsons has travelled the world meeting people from all walks of life and from cultures as diverse as New York and Borneo. He has spoken to governments, companies and over a million individuals. He has written fifteen books.

At The Wisdom House you get the chance to spend an evening with Rob as he unpacks some of the life lessons he has learnt from old and young alike, plus a few he has learnt the hard way! Rob Parsons will be speaking on 'The Wisdom House' at Trinity Cheltenham on 7th June 7.30-10pm cost £4. If you can't make the event but would like to see the Wisdom House DVD speak with Sharon who has a copy.