

Diary dates

Monday 1.30pm Bowls

Tuesday 10-12noon Parents and Toddlers
8pm AGM in church.

Wednesday 1.30pm-2.30pm scriptural colouring group.

Thursday 9.30am Holy Communion at St John's followed by
Community coffee morning at St John's until 12noon.

10-12 noon Parents and toddlers

7.30pm Dot and Andy Bevington's 'Barnabus study'

19th April – 8pm St John's AGM

25th April – SPICE meeting in church 8pm

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

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

21st May – Christian Aid walk

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

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

New activities in the church during the week.

Parents and toddlers

Bowls

JUMP

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.

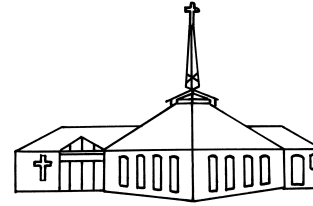
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News from St John's

Notices 17th April 2016

Each and every Christian person has a vocation to be the person God created them to be and that can involve some serious questions about lifestyle and our use of our time and talents. Archbishop Rowan Williams famously said that 'God gives to the church everything that the church needs to be the church' and so we can give thanks that latent within our communities and congregations are the people, skills and talents that the church needs for the future.

Vocations Sunday, and the Diocesan Vocations Day to be held at The Old Palace on Saturday, 23 April, are an opportunity to look at ourselves and ask if we are making the best use of those resources both personally and corporately in our work to join with God in building the kingdom. What might God be calling us to do both in our lives in the world and in society, and also in the life of our community of faith?

Please pray for the vocation of the church generally, for the vocation of your particular community of faith, and for your personal vocation as a disciple and fellow builder of God's kingdom.

John Fitzmaurice, Diocesan Director of Ordinands
Church of England Diocese of Worcester.

AGM this Tuesday evening

Our AGM is this Tuesday 19th April 8pm please do come along, this is an opportunity to hear from leaders and speakers on key aspects of the church and to vote for members of the congregation in particular roles.

Inter-faith walk. You may be aware of the development in Redditch of the Interfaith Group, this year's walk will take place this afternoon starting at 12.45pm from St Stephens Church to the new Redditch Mosque on Jinnah Road (by B&Q). There will be a chance to witness a prayer session, a panel of different faiths talking about common values, and the launch and signing of the Redditch Together Pledge....and some food!...Should finish by 4ish.

Redditch Churches – guided walk for Christian Aid Week

There will be a guided walk on Saturday 21st May, around some of the churches in Redditch to raise money for Christian Aid. You can choose the length of walk that will suit you. The shorter walks are stages in the long walk. The options are:
A long walk of 18 miles, a medium walk of 4.5 miles or a shorter town centre walk of 2 miles.

The long walk starts at 8.15am at St Peter's Church in Ipsley. It will also finish at St Peter's, where a cream tea will be served from 3.00pm. For a sponsor form please see Sharon.

On Saturday 21st May there will be a Forum organised by Churches Together in Worcestershire for anyone working or interested in learning about Chaplaincy in all its variety. Taking place from 9.30am to 3pm at Droitwich Spa Methodist Church, this event is to showcase the variety of Chaplaincies in which Christians in the county are sharing.

It will be an opportunity to hear the experience of chaplains, clergy and lay, in a variety of places from prisons, to hospitals, to canals, to shops. There will be a chance to get a 'taster' from ten different chaplains before breaking out for more in-depth workshops The day will be led by the Revd David Butterworth, Chaplain for the NEC and NIA Birmingham and there will also be an opportunity to worship and share lunch together.

It is a day for all Christians, from all backgrounds who perhaps feel a call to some sort of Chaplaincy, for those who are active already as chaplains and for people who want to explore more about this part of the Church's mission. enquiries@faithatwork.org.uk or phone Revd. Dick Johnson on 07946 655450.

Today – Easter 4

10.30am Morning Worship 'Easter Life' with Rosemary Humphrey.
Acts 9:36-43 and John 10:22-30.

6.00pm Evening Worship with Rosemary Humphrey and Revd.Garth Nathaniel.

Next Sunday –Easter 5

10.30am Holy Communion with Revd.Garth Nathaniel
'Easter Glory' Acts 11:1-18 and John 13:31-35.

6.30pm Evening Worship with Rob Quarton.

Weekly informal communion

Holy Communion is available Thursday mornings 9.30am at St John's; please do come along.

SPICE meeting

Please come along to the meeting in church on Monday 25th April 8pm to talk about the planned celebration of the Queens 90th birthday, as well as other activities.

NEW - Join Andy and Dot Bevington for 4 weeks in their home 54 Lineholt Close for an evening of prayer and Bible study looking at the character of Barnabas with the latest Jeff Lucas video to help us along. Starting at 7.30 on Thursday April 14th we will spend 4 Thursday evenings looking at ...

1. Living the ordinary life beautifully
2. The power of kindness
3. Healthy Church
4. Navigating conflict.

Drinks and cakes, laughter and chat included!! On April 28th there will be a break so we can attend the parish AGM together instead