

Diary dates

Tuesday 10-12noon Parents and Toddlers.

Wednesday 1.30pm-2.30pm scriptural colouring group.

7.30-9.00pm Pilgrim Course at St Peter's.

Thursday 9.30am Holy Communion at St John's followed by

Community coffee morning until 12noon.

10-12 noon Parents and toddlers.

Saturday Prayer partner event in the hall – Beetle Drive 6-7.30pm.

15th May – Parish Pentecost Service including confirmation.

15-21 May – Christian Aid Week.

17th May – DCC at St John's.

21st May – Christian Aid walk.

7th June – Care for the family event Trinity Church, 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
Parish confirmation service – those being confirmed including from St

John's - Megan Davies, Josh Adams and George Skelton.

Elections this week.

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

Children's and youth work.

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.

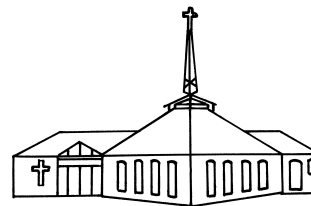
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News from St John's

Notices 1st May 2016

"Let us pray." Familiar words inviting us to join in prayer over the 10 days from Ascension Thursday (5th May) to Pentecost (15th May). Pray with us during the day in the Church where there will be prayer stations set up.

Pray with us in the Parish 24/7 prayer chain when we hope to have prayer around the clock. Use the signup sheet to indicate what time you will be praying? You don't have to be in Church to pray. You can pray wherever you are in whatever way you are comfortable.

What are we praying for? Firstly, that all Christians find new life in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Secondly, we pray for those we know, to see something of Jesus in us, that will draw them to faith in Him, and their own lives are transformed by His love. And thirdly, we pray for the Church, to be so full of the life and the joy of Christ, that it would overflow wherever the Church is called to minister in its service to each person with compassion and care..

Come Holy Spirit, renew your Church and stir up your people.

In place of fear, give us courage to go where you call us.

In place of apathy, give us a passion to proclaim.

In place of shyness, give us the right words to say.

In place of reticence, motivate us to deeds of love.

Send us out as labourers into the harvest,

that through our words and lives,

our nation may hear afresh the Gospel of salvation. Amen.

I am excited to see God's response to these waves of prayer.

Canon Garth Nathaniel

Dot and Andy

The postponed bring and share lunch to say farewell to Dot and Andy, will now take place after the morning service next Sunday 8th May. If you intend to come along please add your name to the bring and share lunch sign up sheet, or role up on the day if you find yourself free.

Pilgrim Course

The Pilgrim course will run from this Wednesday, the topic is 'the Beatitudes'. The studies will be fortnightly, 7.30-9pm in the Huband Room at St Peter's, if you require a lift please speak with Sharon.

Vacancies

A Foodbank Project Manager is required to be responsible for the day to day running of the Redditch Foodbank, to work with volunteers, the volunteer co-ordinator(s) and the Warehouse Manager and to raise awareness of the Foodbank and Acts of Kindness projects. 15 hours per week. An administrator working 8 hours per week is also required. Anyone interested contact robinbaker@blueyonder.co.uk

Thursday Evening 5th May

Join Andy and Dot Bevington in their home 54 Lineholt Close, Oakenshaw South for an evening of fellowship, Bible study and prayer - looking at the character of Barnabas with the latest Jeff Lucas video to help us along. The subject for this week is Healthy Church. We start at 7.30pm with refreshments. The final session will be on 12th May looking at how we navigate conflict. All welcome!

Bowls

Please note there will be no bowls on Monday 9th May. Thank you Sue.

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. For a sponsor form please see Sharon.

Prayer Partner Social All children and prayer partners should have received an invitation to the Beetle Drive and bring and share next Saturday 7th May from 6-7.30pm in the church hall. This will be a fun opportunity to spend time with prayer partners battling it out against other pairs! If you need more details or to confirm you are coming please contact Vicky Skelton vjtskelton@blueyondere.co.uk. We really hope everyone will be able to make it.

Today – Rogation Sunday

10.30am Worship for everyone with Vicki Quarton.
Easter Peace John 14:23-29 Acts 16:9-15 .

6.30pm Evening Worship and Holy Communion with Revd.Richard Harding. Acts 2:1-40 – Revival.

Next Sunday –Ascension

10.30am Morning Worship with Rosemary Humphrey, Maureen Hughes will be speaking on 'Easter Love'
John 17:20-26 and Acts 16:16-34 .

6.30pm Evening Worship with Vicki Quarton 'The Future Promised'
'Isaiah 65:17 to end and John 16:5 to end .

Parish Pentecost service with Bishop Graham

On the 15th May, we will be welcoming Bishop Graham to Christ Church as he joins us for our joint Parish Pentecost Service, even more wonderfully is that three of our younger members of St John's Megan Davies, Josh Adams and George Skelton have chosen to be confirmed during the morning service. It would be lovely if as many of us as possible can attend the service in support of Megan, Josh and George as well as others who will be confirmed. If you would like a lift or can offer a lift please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. Please note there will not be a service at St John's that morning.

Call My Bluff

13 May, 7:30pm, The Old Palace, WR1 2JE

Prepare to be entertained as the clergy and musicians try to fool the audience, in what will surely be a hilarious evening. Contestants include Bishop John, the Dean, Canon Michael Brierley, Dr Peter Nardone, Christopher Allsop, and Richard Cook.

The Food Bank is particularly short of the items below. If you can help please bring in and place in the box under the welcome table in the foyer, thank you.

Items needed include:

Tinned potatoes	Fruit juice (long life carton)	Milk (long life carton)
Sponge puddings	Tinned fruit	Sugar
Coffee (small)	Instant mash potato	Toiletries

