

Diary dates

Monday – 1.00pm Bowls

Tuesday 10-12noon Parents and Toddlers.

7.30pm Meeting to discuss welcome to refugees St Stephens –all welcome

Wednesday 1.30pm-2.30pm scriptural colouring group.

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

Community coffee morning until 12noon.

10-12 noon Parents and toddlers.

Saturday 10-12noon Messy Church

7th June – Care for the family event Trinity Church, Cheltenham.

14th June – Fladbury Close gardening.

16th June – Parish Prayers 7.30-8.30pm.

18th June – Queens 90th Birthday Celebratory fete

26th June – Priesting of Allison Davies and Ian Evans 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 sitting exams

The recruitment of a Food Bank Project Manager for Redditch.

The Kigezi Water and Sanitation project we are supporting

New activities in the church during the week.

Fladbury Close invitations and work in

Queens Birthday celebrations at St Johns

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.

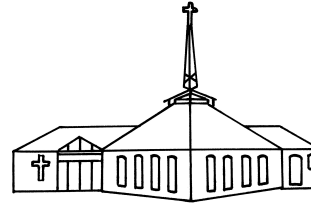
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News from St John's –

Notices 22nd May 2016

Today is Trinity Sunday. It is the only Sunday or feast day in the church's calendar which is named after a bit of church teaching and doctrine, rather than an event in the life of Jesus. It's very much on its own, and understanding what it means took the early church several centuries. So we talk about one *God*: we believe in one *God*. And we also talk about *God* the Father, *God* the Son and *God* the Holy Spirit – but still only one *God*. What does it mean and why does it matter? Well it matters, perhaps above all in this day and age, what sort of *God* we believe in.

I say perhaps above all in this day and age because we have plenty of evidence of what bad religion can do in the world around us today. A false picture of *God* can lead to all sorts of false practice of religion – a brutal and vengeful *God* makes for a brutal and vengeful religion.

So what sort of *God* He is really does matter – that's one reason why doctrine and theology (teaching and talking about *God*) plays a big part in the Christian life. For the Christian this Sunday highlights what sort of *God* we believe in: whenever you say the Apostles or Nicene Creed in church you are fleshing out the doctrine of the Trinity.

What we believe about *God* is that He is the creator of the whole world, and he even made us in his own image and likeness. How amazing is that! He is as He is in Jesus, so there is hope: if you want to see *God*, point people to Jesus. And He is ever present, deeply within us and for us here and now.

I like to think of it this way. That at the heart of *God* is a community of love between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: this community of love beckons us to join and belong. It is this for which we are made – life in communion with Christians down the centuries and around the world, life in communion with the *God* who created, redeems us and loves us.

The Venerable Robert Jones, Archdeacon of Worcester

Youth service

The evening Youth service this evening starts at 6pm in the hall. One of our 25th anniversary events, the evening will be raising money for Christian Aid. The theme is 'Gods Love and Mercy'. Please bring donations of cake, which will be available for a donation to raise money for Christian Aid, thank you. If you haven't given to Christian Aid yet this is your chance!

Fladbury Close

We shall be gardening again in Fladbury Close on Tuesday June 14th!

Please note that date in your diary and roll up and help if you can.

Plants - do you have anything in your garden that is doing too well and would be suitable for using in one of the gardens? Please see Lynda for further details.

Queens 90th Birthday Celebration

Saturday 18th June 2-4 at St John's

Come and join in with our community fete, one of our 25 in 25 events for our 25th anniversary year.

We shall be having various royal themes.

Proposed attractions:

- Soft toy raffle (donations washed and in good condition please)
- Bran tub Tin can alley Coconut Shy
- Red white and blue ice creams
- Bottle and jar tombola - (as wacky as you like)
- Cake stall - (donations nearer the time please)
- Red white and blue tombola-(non perishable as wacky as you like)
- Art work from local school on display
- Dance display by Razzle Dazzle
- Live music

Other stalls welcome for a donation.

Wear 50's clothing/ or red white and blue

All proceeds on the day will be put towards the senior citizen community teas at St John's. If you have any ideas on how money can be raised or can offer to help in any way, please see Rosie, Lynda, Ann or Sharon?

Today - Trinity

10.30am Morning Worship and Holy Communion with Garth Nathaniel
'God conversations' John 16:12-15 and Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

6.00pm Youth service in the hall. 'Gods marvellous plan'
Isaiah 40:12 to end and Ephesians 3.

Next Sunday - Trinity 1

10.30am Morning Worship with Vicki Quarton 'Ask'
1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43 & Luke 7:1-10

6.30pm Evening Service - Bible study with Maureen Hughes.
'Choosing to serve' Joshua 24 and Matthew 1:18 to end.

Refugees in Redditch There will be a meeting at St Stephens 7.30pm this Tuesday to discuss ways we might welcome refugees coming to the Town - all welcome.

Prayer Stations Thank you to Rosie and Barry who set up the prayer stations during the Prayer Wave in the run up to Pentecost and to those who came and manned the church during the opening times. The Lords Prayer was the theme. Rosie chose questions for us to consider on an area of the prayer such as forgiveness or Gods will, there was a suggested period of contemplation and a creative way to respond. Look out for the next opportunity for creative prayer or go to www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/faithandlife for ideas for you at home. The great thing about prayer is we can pray just where we are. If you would like to share through the notices your way of praying, speak with Sharon or email forrest_s@btinternet.com

Ordination

14 candidates will be ordained in Worcester Cathedral on Sunday 26 June 10.30am to serve in parishes across the Diocese. Seven candidates have completed their first year as curate and will be ordained Priest, after which they will be able to preside at the Holy Communion. To be ordained Priest:

- Allison Davies serving at Holy Trinity, Redditch
- Ian Evans serving in the Ipsley Team, Redditch

If you would like a lift to the service please let Sharon or Ann know.