Diary dates

Monday 1.30pm Bowls Tuesday 10-12noon Parents and toddlers 6pm Fladbury Close gardening Thursday 9.30am Holy Communion at St John's followed by Community coffee morning until 12noon. 10-12noon Parent and toddlers 7.30-8.30pm Parish Pravers St Peter's. Saturday 2-4pm Queens 90th Birthday Celebratory fete at St John's 26th June – Priesting of Allison Davies and Ian Evans at Worcester Cathedral. 1st-2nd July – Foodbank collection at Tesco. 2nd July – Treasure hunt walk 8th July 6.30pm – Children's leaders and families social at the Quartons. 24th July – Warwick Park after the morning service. 28th July – PCC meeting at St Peter's. 15th September – Parish Pravers 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 Kigezi Water and Sanitation project we are supporting EU Referendum. Refugee families settling in Redditch. New activities in the church during the week. Fladbury Close gardening Tuesday Queens Birthday celebrations at St Johns Saturday Parents and toddlers Bowls Children's and youth work. 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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Notices 12th June 2016

Summer SPICE

Many churches are at the centre of their community. As a relatively new church we have to work at creating a profile within the local community. SPICE (St John's People In Community Enterprise is our umbrella organisation for our community outreach.

Fladbury Close - Tuesday 6pm

This week we shall be visiting Fladbury Close on Tuesday evening and helping out with odd jobs. There are lots of fences to paint, so come in clothing that you are happy to get paint on. Please pray for a lovely evening with the chance to chat to local residents. We shall gather at 6pm at the entrance to Fladbury Close. There is the opportunity to sit and chat, so even if you can't do much physically do roll up. All welcome.

Fun Day - next Saturday 18th June 2 - 4pm

On Saturday we shall be having our Fun Day to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. Roll up and join in the fun between 2 and 4pm. If you can help set up we would love to see you in the morning as well.

We want this to be an opportunity for the local community to have fun. The Bouncy Castle is booked and we shall have a variety of stalls, games and refreshments - prize-atime tombola, lucky dip, splat the rat (Scouts), stocks (Scouts), tin can alley, football game, home made cakes, guess the weight of the cake, treasure hunt, pin the crown on the queen, book stall, red, blue and white elephant stall (donations appreciated), freshly cooked popcorn, Ice cream, teas, strawberries & scones (donations of scones appreciated).

Entertainment wise we shall have Razzle Dazzle performing at 2:15, followed by Open the Book (Volunteers needed) and a best dressed Crown competition at 3pm - don't forget to make a crown and bring it with you!. We will have some live jazz on the car park and anticipate the visit of a few interesting motorbikes. In the church we shall have a display of artwork by Woodrow First School.

Come dressed in 50's clothing and/or red/white and blue!

Bring your friends and neighbours and celebrate!

Please pray for the day, for good weather and good conversations and give thanks for all the organisations that we are working with.

Publicity

There are leaflets at the back of church and posters. Please take some and sign for where you will deliver. More can be printed if required! Rosie

European Elections

This June we have to vote as a country on one of the larger and more important decisions we are likely to have to take for a generation. The Church of England as an institution is officially neutral on the referendum question, but is encouraging all Christians to think, pray and vote. As in elections, Christians are encouraged to think about the common good, and not simply their own personal benefits or preferences. While the institutional church has adopted a neutral position, individual bishops are able to speak in favour of either "leave" or "remain".

Bishop John's letter is available on the table in the foyer do pick a copy up. To view a publication 'think, pray, vote' put together by Church of Scotland, Methodist, United Reform and Baptists on the subject go to <u>www.jointpublicissues.org.uk</u> or speak to Sharon for a copy.

Parish Prayers this Thursday 7.30pm St Peter's

Please do join us for prayers on Thursday, if you are unable due to other commitments, please pray where you are using the prayer sheet provided.

Invitation

You are invited to join Caroline in celebrating her 70th Birthday at Lodge Park Social Club Redditch B98 7LH on Sunday 10th July. Friends with school age children 5-6pm everyone else 7pm onwards. RSVP to 07548 489943 or just let Caroline know before the end of June please. Your presence is present enough, but if you would like to give a gift, Caroline has in mind a purchase for the bathroom and donation to St John's.

Social – 2nd July

Leisurely amble along banks of canal for about an hour on Saturday 2nd July. Meet at Navigation pub in Wootten Wawen at 4pm to be taken to start of walk then have a meal together at the Navigation when people return. Suitable for families - there will be a quiz sheet for children - and people who do not wish to walk can have a drink and chat until everyone gets back. Sign up sheet at back of church.

<u> Today – Trinity 3</u>

- 10.30am Morning Worship with Maureen Hughes, Vicki Quarton will be speaking on 'Give thanks'.2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15 and Luke 7:36-8:3.
- 6.30pm Evening praise, with Peter McLaren 'Samuels call' 1 Samuel 3 - 4:1a and Acts 10:1-23.

Next Sunday – Trinity 4

10.30am Holy Communion and prayer for healing with Venerable Nikki Groarke, Rosemary Humphrey will be speaking on 'Act' Isaiah 65:1-9 and Luke 3:26-39.

6.30pm Evening praise with Richard Harding Acts 4:1-21.

Signs of the times Foodbanks are:

- a sign that the world is not as God intended it to be
- a sign that we have a vision of a world that is better
- a sign of deeper questions that we need to ask
- a sign that God's people are called to transform our world
- a sign that the Gospel is expressed in practical reality
- a sign that we share a common humanity

(jointpublicissues.org.uk/Faithinfoodbanks)

Advance notice of Foodbank collections

The summer Foodbank collection at Tesco is on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd July this year.

If you can help give out shopping lists on the Saturday it would be appreciated. Ipsley Parish is asked to cover 9 till 2pm and then 3.30 to 5pm (with some other help!). If you can do an hour or so please let me know when, so we can cover the whole time. Many thanks. Liz Mitchell St Peter's. E-mail <u>mitchellplanning@gmail.com</u> or tel 01527 404276

Please note Saturday is the same date as the canal walk, if you're intending to do both Friday or the earlier time would be better.