

Diary dates

Monday 1.30pm Bowls

Tuesday 10-12noon Parents and toddlers

Wednesday 1pm Funeral of Derrick Hopcroft.

Thursday 9.30am Holy Communion at St John's followed by
Community coffee morning until 12noon.
10-12noon Parent and toddlers

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 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 Kigezi Water and Sanitation project we are supporting
EU Referendum.

Refugee families settling in Redditch.

New activities in the church during the week.

Parents and toddlers

Bowls

Children's and youth work.

For charities reaching out to the lost, lonely and hungry.

Keep praying for

Roy Bush.

Sylvia Czik

Claire and Paul Burnham.

Sheila Darby

Stephen Ward.

Peggy Snellgrove.

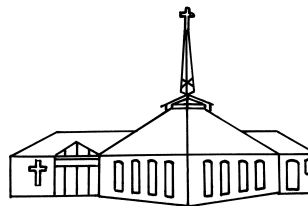
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Notices 19th June 2016

Dear all,

St Paul reminds us that we are called to spread the aroma of Christ in the community we live in.

At St John's we have been doing that and continue to do that, through the SPICE programme. Whenever I meet with the DCC and other groups in the church, I am always met with this concern that St John's lives not to itself, but to serve the community of Greenlands, Woodrow and Wire Hill. This is good and commendable for Jesus sent the disciples (and that includes us) out into the world, to take the gospel of peace. We can't go if we remain staying in one place. If I may be allowed to mix my analogies, fish are caught when we throw the nets into the sea, or cast our hooks into the water. The fish do not jump into the boat of themselves. So it is with "fishers of men." This is a call to go. As the Christian Singer Keith Green put it, "Go, means a change of location."

On the other hand it is vital that we don't lose sight of the "stay". We come together in Church to encourage, celebrate and support one another in our work as fishermen (or is it fishers of men?) for the Lord. Don't neglect the gathering together before we scatter to do god's work wherever we are.

With blessings,

Canon Garth Nathaniel

Derrick Hopcroft

A service to celebrate the life of Derrick Hopcroft, father of Eileen, Grandfather to Jo Adams and Great Grandfather to Grace, Sophie and Lydia will take place this Wednesday, 1pm at St John's, family flowers only with donations to Help For Forgotten Allies.

Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in any way to make yesterday's community fete happen. It was a great success, the weather thankfully stayed dry and we were able to use the outside area of the church, which was good as a lot of people came. The scouts had a great time and if there is a badge for getting people wet, or cooking the most hot dogs they will of certainly gained theirs, as too would Avril, Sam, Josh and Maise who got through 6 huge tubs of ice cream, served not eaten of course. Kathleen and Caroline took a whooping £100 from sales of cake and tea, while Razzle Dazzle and Open The Book enthralled in the hall. The band (Geoff, Mike, Jane, Terry) created a lively atmosphere and the traditional games (Rosie, Sarah, Amanda, Vicki, Katrina, Grace, Sophie, Simon and Rob) and stalls (Ann, Abi, Lynda, Garth and Dawn) went down a storm. Thank you if you baked, bought, served, tidied or cleaned and a special thank you to Rosie, Barry and Lynda who have working tirelessly on the event and to Philip, Annette, Norman, Paul, Josh, David and Barbara for their hard work with the gazebos, marquee, sound system, manning of the bouncy castle and clearing away. A great event and one of our 25 events for our 25th celebrations, that will long be remembered.

Pictures in church

Please take some time to enjoy the paintings and drawings of Queen Elizabeth II that children from Woodrow First School have done as part of the Queens 90th birthday celebrations. Children and their parents were able to come and view their picture in church yesterday.

Weekly Offering Envelopes

The new supply of weekly envelopes to start from July is now available. If you already use this scheme, please pick up your envelopes from the church foyer, and sign for your supply. The weekly envelope scheme is a useful way of starting to give regularly to St John's Church.

If you are a Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax tax payer, we can claim the tax back through Gift Aid. If you are interested in giving regularly via the Weekly Envelope scheme, or by Standing Order via your bank, please speak to Annette Humphrey, or contact by email annettehumphrey@blueyonder.co.uk

Today – 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. 'Examining the heart'

Next Sunday –Trinity 5

10.30am Worship for Everyone with Vicki Quarton. 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 and Luke 9: 51-6. 'A committed community'

10.30am Priesting of Ian Evans and Allison Davies at Worcester Cathedral.

6.30pm Evening praise with Rosie Humphrey 1 Samuel 26 and Matthew 6. 'Discretion and indiscretion'.

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 Wootton 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.