

Diary dates

Monday 1.30pm Bowls

Tuesday 10-12noon Parents and toddlers

Wednesday 7.30pm Pilgrim course at St Peter's

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

Community coffee morning until 12noon.

10-12noon Parent and toddlers

Friday -Foodbank collection at Tesco.

Saturday -Foodbank collection at Tesco

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.

31st July – Baptism of Fin Wilson at St John'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

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 Czink

Claire and Paul Burnham.

Sheila Darby

Stephen Ward.

Peggy Snellgrove.

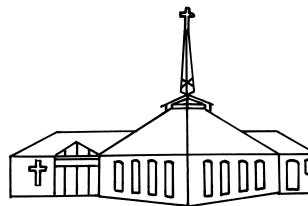
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Notices 26th June 2016

Dear all,

Tonight I sat with a group of people who were thinking about the person of Jesus. The theme we were looking at was how the early Christians came to recognise the divine Christ, and held this in tension while holding on to the affirmation that the "Lord your God is one."

Interestingly, while we discussed things such as the Trinity, the focus of our discussion was not how we considered Jesus the Christ as divine but rather on the relationship we have with Him and the Father.

This was brought about by Jesus reminding us of the second part of that affirmation, "and you shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength." In Isaiah we are told that we do not serve God by offering burnt offerings and sacrifices, but that our relationship with Him is that He is God and loves us and we love Him.

Loving God is not limited to certain hours of the week, or certain places or buildings, but saturates our whole life. We experience the Saviour of the world, in our everyday world and need to be conscious of Him with every breath we take.

The above passage in Isaiah tells us that there is no other god. Our God is the only God in the universe. And we are called into a relationship with Him. This is an exclusive relationship. The first commandment tells us that we are not to have any other gods besides Him.

Blessings,

Canon Garth Nathaniel

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.

Invitation

You are invited to join Caroline in celebrating her 70th Birthday at Lodge Park Social Club Redditch B98 7LH next 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.

Foodbank collections

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

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 Liz Mitchell know when, so the Ipsley Parish can cover the whole time. Many thanks. Liz Mitchell St Peter's. E-mail mitchellplanning@gmail.com 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 on Saturday is better.

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 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'.

Next Sunday –Trinity 6

10.30am Worship for Everyone with Vicki Quarton.
Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20.
'A supported community'

6.30pm Evening praise and Holy Communion and healing prayer with Revd. Richard Harding
2 Samuel 12 and Matthew 7. 'The trap of temptation'.

Congratulations

Well done to Annette, Philip, Barry, Rosie and Chris Tenant and from St Peter's Catherine McClaren in winning the Striking Competition part of the Southern Branch of Worcestershire and District Call Change Competition for bell ringing that has recently taken place at St Peter's, congratulations.

Fladbury

Thank you to those who were able to paint fences last week at Fladbury Close, the residents will be delighted.

New House Group

There will be a new course ran at Ann's on Thursday evenings 7.45pm @ 49, Oakenshaw Road, when available Garth will lead the teaching. If you would like to know more please speak with Ann on 01527 527789 or in person.