

Diary dates

Thursday 9.30am Holy Communion at St John's followed by
Community coffee morning until 12noon.
10th August – BBQ at Sharon and Simon's.
17th August 12-2pm Forge Mill Museum.
24th August 7.30-9.30pm Games and chat at Ann's.
15th September – Parish Prayers 7.30-8.30pm.
7-9th October – Visit of Archbishop Justine Welby
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.
For those suffering with ill health.
The Kigezi Water and Sanitation project we are supporting.
Socials over the summer.
For those looking for work.
Visit by Archbishop Justin Welby to Worcestershire.
Parents and toddlers group –for the leaders as they take a break.
Bowls group as they take a break.
Youth leaders and children as they take a break over the summer.
For charities reaching out to the lost, lonely and hungry.
For children who have free meals at school that they will be provided
for over the summer.
For those unable to take a summer holiday who would like to.

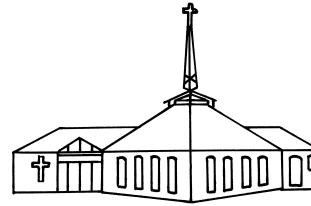
Keep praying for

Eileen Trueman and family
Roy Bush.
Sylvia Czink
Stephen Ward.
Peggy Snellgrove.

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Sunday 7th August 2016

Dear all,

CHRISTIAN worship does not happen in a vacuum. We bring to church the rest of our lives, our concerns for the world, and, crucially, our continuing relationship with God. Ideally, personal prayer and corporate worship spill over into each other, illuminating each other, and enriching our sense of "the sacrament of the present moment."

The more seriously we take our regular prayer, and allow times (if this is possible) to be still before God within daily life, the easier it becomes to be inwardly quiet, and fully present in church services, listening and responding at a deep level.

Conversely, the more mindfully we participate in worship, with receptive minds and hearts, the likelier it is that familiar prayers will inhabit our inner landscape, and that we will remember words or themes that nourish our everyday walk with God.

This is not to say that we ought to be in a state of perpetual serenity in church. We may well arrive harassed or preoccupied, and we are never "worthy" enough to worship. Rather, we come with all our concerns and failings, to be mended and strengthened by the God who never tires of forgiving us.

Everything we receive in worship is gift and grace. We are not trying to make anything happen, or to generate a "spiritual high". We are there first and foremost to honour God, and to open ourselves to the subtle, transforming energy of the Holy Spirit. The rest is up to God.

Renewed in worship
Canon Garth Nathaniel

Summer socials

Sizzling Summer Social – This week's social will take place at Sharon and Simon's 9 Downsell Road, Webheath B97 5RT Wednesday 10th August 6-9pm burgers, sausages and jacket potatoes will be provided. To help with catering please sign up on the sheet in the foyer or email Forrest_s@btinternet.com before Tuesday tea time. To ensure everyone gets a seat who wants one please bring a garden chair. Table tennis, basket ball and adult colouring or board games on offer, or sit and enjoy what should be a warm summer's evening with friends. All welcome any questions call Sharon on 07856 233784.

Forge Mill Museum - Wednesday 17th August bring along a picnic and meet for lunch at 12noon in the picnic area (bring a chair to ensure you get a seat), then enjoy the museum at your pace. Admission to the museum is free for Redditch residents on Wednesday's; you will need to bring with you a utility bill in your name. During the summer there is an exhibition 'Way of the warrior: Epic movies and armour' in one of buildings which will incur an entrance fee of £2 for adults and £1 for children <http://www.forgemill.org.uk>, The museum is open until 4pm.

Games, chat, drinks & nibbles at Ann's 49 Oakenshaw Road, Greenlands on Wednesday 24th August, 7.30 to 9.30pm. Come and sit and chat or have a game or two over drinks and nibbles.

Archbishop Justin comes to Worcester!

We're very excited that Archbishop Justin is visiting the Diocese from **7 - 9 October!** There are lots of events planned, but three in particular that we hope as many people as possible will join in with are:

- **Archbishop Justin in conversation with the BBC's Jeremy Vine**, Worcester Arena, Friday 7 October, 7pm. Tickets to the event are £5, and a coach at an additional cost of around £4 will be going from the Parish, to help ensure we get seats together please sign up using the sheet in the foyer. More information will follow.
- **Craft, stories & refreshments for families**, St. Stephen's Church in Redditch, Saturday 8 October, 1.30pm
- **Prayer walk and Songs of Praise at Merry Hill Shopping Centre**, Dudley on Sunday 9 October, 2.30pm.

Sunday 24th July – Trinity 9

10.30am Worship For Everyone and Holy Communion with Revd. Garth Nathaniel and Rob Quarton 'Our Father in Heaven'

6.30pm Evening Praise with Rosemary Humphrey. 'Dealing with doubt' 1 Kings 19 and Matthew 11.

Sunday 31st July – Trinity 10

10.30am Worship For Everyone and *Baptism of Fin Wilson* with Revd Garth Nathaniel and Rosemary Humphrey. 'Hallowed be your name'

6.30pm Evening Praise with Mike Palfreyman 1 Kings 22:1-40 and Matt: 24-52. 'The Danger of Deception'

Today – Trinity 11

10.30am Worship For Everyone with the Quartons. 'Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven'.

6.30pm Evening service at St Peter's.

Sunday 14th August – Trinity 12

10.30am Worship For Everyone with the Quartons. 'Give us today our daily bread'.

6.30pm Evening service and Holy Communion with Anointing and Healing at St Peter's.

Sunday 21st August – Trinity 13

10.30am Worship For Everyone with Rosemary Humphrey. 'Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us'.

6.30pm Evening service at St Peter's.

Sunday 28th August – Trinity 14

10.30am Worship For Everyone and service of Holy Communion with Revd. Garth Nathaniel and Maureen Hughes. 'Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil'.

6.30pm Evening service at St Peter's.