

Diary dates

Thursday 9.30am Holy Communion at St John's followed by
Community coffee morning until 12noon.
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.

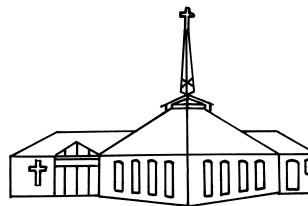
Keep praying for

Roy Bush.
Sylvia Czink
Stephen Ward.
Peggy Snellgrove.

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Sunday 14th August 2016

Dear all,

This last week the city of Quetta, in Pakistan was rocked by a bomb blast. In a world where such atrocities are becoming an everyday occurrence, why did this affect me so much? It affected me because, it was the city I was born in. Wherever I am in the world the city is special to me and to the whole Nathaniel clan, spread throughout the world.

The psalmist, (Ps 87) calls out to the “city of God” and declares this one and that one were born in her.

He states that the city of God is founded by God Himself.

He promises that God will establish the city, and that ‘The Lord will write in the register of the peoples: “This one was born in Zion.”’

He praises the city, “Glorious things are spoken of you”. And declares to the city the great Joy the inhabitants will take in her, “As they make music they will sing, “All my fountains (*Springs of joy*) are in you.” Psalm 48 speaks of the city of God as “The joy of the whole earth.”

Of course I could mention the New Jerusalem, the city of God which John sees in Revelation 21.

We are the city of God. Let us rejoice in this community of faith, that God has made us. May all our springs of joy be in her (the Church).

Blessings,

Canon Garth Nathaniel

Summer socials

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.

The Big Bible Study

Saturday 1 October, 10am- 1.30pm, Worcester Cathedral
The morning is one when, as Christians from across the traditions, we meet to worship together, to study the Bible together, and to eat together. This year's theme will be 'When listening to God's word becomes hearing God speaking'. The Speaker will be The Revd Kenneth G Howcroft. Ken Howcroft is currently minister at Solihull Methodist and Coleshill United churches. He was the President of the Methodist Conference in 2014-15. Contact the Cathedral for more information.

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'

Sunday 7th August –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.

Today –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. Ian Evans and Maureen Hughes. 'Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil'.

6.30pm Evening service at St Peter's.