

## **Diary dates**

Monday 1pm Bowls

Tuesday 10-12noon Parent and toddler group in the hall

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

Community coffee morning until 12noon.

10-12noon Parent and toddler group in the hall.

- Parish Prayers 7.30-8.30pm St peter's.

20<sup>th</sup> September - 8pm DCC meeting at St John's.

22<sup>nd</sup> September 7.30pm - Foodbank celebration and look to the future

24<sup>th</sup> September - 10-12noon Messy Church at Woodrow Community Rooms

29<sup>th</sup> September - 7pm Alpha course at Christ Church

7-9<sup>th</sup> October - Visit of Archbishop Justine Welby

22<sup>nd</sup> October - 10-12noon Messy Church at Woodrow Community Rooms

27<sup>th</sup> October - PCC meeting at St Johns.

26<sup>th</sup> November - 10-12noon Messy Church at Woodrow Community Rooms

1<sup>st</sup> 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.

For those looking for work.

Visit by Archbishop Justin Welby to Worcestershire.

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

Maintenance of St John's church building

Parish prayer meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September that many will come.

The Parish Alpha course

For Messy Church on 24<sup>th</sup> September

The Parish Pilgrim Course

For those starting new courses at University or new jobs.

## **Keep praying for**

Tony Ball Nancy Borthwick

Sylvia Czink Peggy Snellgrove

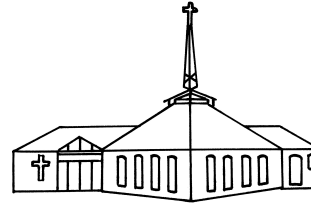
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Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear All,

Last week we took a first look at how St John's could invest through prayer in the mission of the Church in our own Diocese of Worcester.

Today we consider the second area of investment in the mission of the Church, in Worcestershire and Dudley. Any mission requires resourcing. To provide these resources requires a financial investment. The Diocese provides priests and lay ministers to undertake the task of mission. The Diocese also provides expertise, and support in specific areas, and training for those already in ministry. Because the Diocese provides ministry, there is a church in every area of the diocese. There is mission and outreach in every place, made possible by this deployment. All of this requires money to fund.

St John's invests in this mission and ministry in the Diocese through the parish share. The Parish Share is a large part of our budget. It is not a tax on the Church, but our sharing in providing ministers, ministry and mission to this area. By our parish share we are part of the missionary work of the Diocese. Maybe our parish share is larger than the costs of ministers in this parish, but it all goes to provide ministry in the parish of Ipsley and in other parishes not able to support their own ministry.

Prayerfully yours,

**Canon Garth Nathaniel**

## Thursday

Please join in with the Parish Prayer meeting at the Huband room St Peter's 7.30pm-8.30pm.

## Next Saturday morning

How does a full English breakfast, good company and an interesting and entertaining story sound? Saltway Mens Fellowship have invited Jon Cox author of 'Life to the Max, John 10:10' to speak after breakfast (7.45am for 8am start), the venue is The Kings Court Hotel, Kings Coughton, Nr Alcester. Pre booking by Wednesday next week is needed, please speak with Ron Skelton for more information rvskelton@aol.com.



## Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus Die?

**How can we have faith? Why and how do I Pray?**

**Does God Heal Today? What about the Church?**

If you've been coming to church for a little or a long time and you would like answers to the above questions, join us for the Alpha Course starting **Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm** at Christ Church Matchborough. Come along to the first introductory session to see if it is something you would like to continue with, why not ask a friend or just come along, you will be welcomed at the door. Please let Sharon or Ann know if you would like a lift.

## NEW Pilgrim course

A new course on the topic of the Creeds using Church of England resources, on alternate Wednesday evenings starting at 7.30pm is being ran by Garth in the Huband room at St Peter's. The next meeting is on the 21<sup>st</sup> September please do consider this excellent way of learning more about your faith. If you need a lift please see Sharon.

## Communion

Admission of children to communion before confirmation:  
Preparation classes are running in September, parents to speak to Garth asap for more information 01527 522847 -thank you

## New shop in Bromsgrove

A new shop on the High Street in Bromsgrove (adjacent to the Housman Statue) has opened on 1st September to help people understand the history of the Bible, ancient Bibles are on display and talks will be available, why not pop along and show them support and find out what's on offer. Open everyday but Sunday 9.30-5pm.

## Today Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 16

10.30am Morning Worship with Rev, Garth Nathaniel 'Lost values'  
Exodus 32:7-14 and Luke 15:1-1.

Children's groups

6.30pm Evening Praise with Peter McLaren.

## Next Sunday – Trinity 16

10.30am Morning Worship with Vicki Quarton 'It's complicated'  
Amos 8:4-7 and Luke 16:1-13.

Children's groups

6.30pm Evening Praise with Revd Richard Harding.

## Award

Worcester Cathedral has won a Sandford Award for Heritage Education along with sites such as The Mary Rose Centre and Hampton Court Palace.

The Sandford Award is an independently judged, quality assured assessment of education programmes at heritage sites, museums, archives and collections across the British Isles. Recipients become a 'kite mark' for high quality education provision which is recognised by schools and other education institutions across the United Kingdom. The citation, following an extensive application and assessment process reads

*Worcester Cathedral deservedly receives its first, well-earned Sandford Award. Visiting children and adults alike are ensured of an interesting and stimulating visit that is authenticated by academic research. This is not a programme of study that is fixed in time but subject to new ideas carefully based on evaluation by a broad range of persons, with close attention to rolling historical, religious, and secular events that have taken place in and around the cathedral. Members of the well led education team each display the capacity to enthral and captivate their audience.*