

Diary dates

Tuesday 10-12noon Parent and toddlers

8pm - DCC meeting in church

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

Community coffee morning until 12noon.

7.30pm - Foodbank celebration and look to the future

8pm-9.30pm - Christian Institute meeting at Redditch Baptist Church

Saturday - 10-12noon Messy Church at Woodrow Community Rooms

29th September - 7pm Alpha course at Christ Church

2nd October - Harvest service and lunch.

7-9th October - Visit of Archbishop Justin Welby

22nd October - 10-12noon Messy Church at Woodrow Community Rooms

27th October - PCC meeting at St Johns.

26th November - 10-12noon Messy Church at Woodrow Community Rooms

1st December - Parish Prayers 7.30-8.30pm.

Please pray for:

Garth and Jenny, Richard and Wendy, Ian and Judy.

Our Lay Readers Maureen, Rosie and Vicki.

DCC Meeting this week.

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 refugees settling in this country and Town.

For refugee children in camps across the world.

For children waiting for adoption

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

Maintenance of St John's church building

The Parish Alpha course

For Messy Church on 24th September

For those starting University or new jobs.

Keep praying for

Tony Ball.

Nancy Borthwick

Sylvia Czink

Peggy Snellgrove

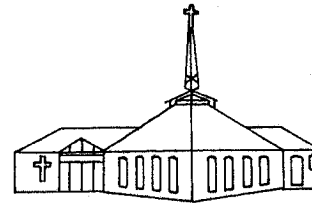
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Sunday 18th September 2016

Dear all,

What does it mean? Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. This is a wonderfully powerful and comforting verse in the Bible. (Hebrews 13.8) The link word is "and" not or. In other words, Jesus can be relied upon to be constant and unchanging. It means that the same Jesus who was there yesterday, and in all our yesterdays, for us, is the same Jesus who is here today, and will always be there for us in all our tomorrows. He can be relied upon to comfort, strengthen, protect, provide and keep us. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

On the other hand, this also brings a challenge. If Jesus is unchangeable, then His word is also constant and unchanging. His Word is not dependant on the winds of today's current changes. What He has said in the past, has the same authority today and requires the same obedience. And this is true of the same word tomorrow and throughout the future. "Heaven and earth may pass way," Jesus said, "but my words will never pass away."

So if we receive the same care from Jesus, should we not also give Him the same obedience?

Blessings,

Revd Canon Garth Nathaniel

**Peacemaking Sunday
18 September 2016**

When I needed a neighbour: refugees and sanctuary

Today the World Council of Churches have issued an appeal for everyone to sign the #WithRefugees petition, which will be handed in to the United Nations Headquarters before the UN General Assembly meets on 19 September.

<http://www.refugeespetition.org/> The #WithRefugees petition will be delivered to UN headquarters in New York ahead of the UN General Assembly high-level summit to address large movements of refugees and migrants, on September 19. The petition asks governments to:

- Ensure every refugee child gets an education.
- Ensure every refugee family has somewhere safe to live.
- Ensure every refugee can work or learn new skills to make a positive contribution to their community.

This Thursday

The Christian Institute will be holding a meeting this Thursday evening 8pm-9.30pm at Redditch Baptist Church Easemore Road. The meeting will update us on news such as the Ashers Baking Company appeal, Gospel freedom and the Named Person scheme.

There is also an event 7.30pm at Christ Church to celebrate the past and hear of future plans of the Acts of Kindness charity with new Project Manager, Sarah Barcham.

It would be good if we can support these events in the Town, for more information see the posters on the notice board, if you attend either of these meetings and would like to let the congregation know what was said please email Forrest_s@btinternet.com or call Sharon on 01527 541492 to include in next week's notices - thank you.



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 longer time and you would like answers to the above questions, join us for the Alpha Course starting **Thursday September 29th 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.

Today Sunday 18th September – Trinity 17

10.30am Morning Worship with Vicki Quarton 'Peacemaking Sunday'
Children's groups

6.30pm Evening Praise with Revd Richard Harding.

Next Sunday 25th September – Trinity 18

10.30am Holy Communion and healing prayer with Revd. Garth Nathaniel, Maureen Hughes will be speaking on 'Mind the gap'.
Luke 16:19-31 and Amos 6:1a,4-7.

6.30pm Evening worship with Rosemary Humphrey

Harvest 2016

Our harvest church service will be on 2nd October, and we will be having a harvest lunch in the hall afterwards - jacket potatoes, fillings (eg cheese, chilli, chicken, tuna) and salad. To help with catering please let us know you will be coming along. Donations to cover costs will be asked for on the day.

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 21st September please do consider this excellent way of learning more about your faith. If you need a lift please see Sharon.

Bromsgrove and Redditch welcome refugees

Donations of clothing, footwear, kitchen items, food, camping gear, bedding and hygiene products can be made on Saturday 1st October at the Bridge Church in Headless Cross, or please bring into church for Sharon to drop off. The donations, with the help of 'People in Motion' will go to more than 7,000 people in the camps at Calais, 600 of them are unaccompanied children. Visit www.brwr.uk for more information.

Advance notice – Messy Church

The next Messy Church at Woodrow Community Rooms is next Saturday September 24th 10-12noon, a great fun way for children and accompanying adults to understand the Bible.