

Diary dates

Monday 1pm Bowls
Tuesday 10-12noon Parent 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.
Thursday - 7pm Alpha course at Christ Church.
7-9th October - Archbishop Justin Welby visit.
21st October - Card making at Lynda's
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.
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 next week.
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
The Parish Pilgrim Course
For those starting University or new jobs.

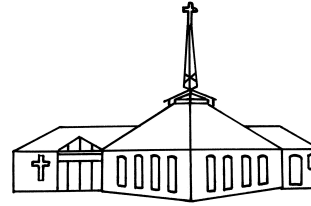
Keep praying for

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Sunday 2nd October 2016

Dear all,

The prayers of God's people are a reflection of their love for Him, and consequently the universe He has created. These prayers may be formal and informal, extempore or set liturgy. Prayer takes many forms, silence, adoration, confession, thanksgiving and often requests on behalf of others or even of ourselves made known to God.

Prayer is essential for a two way relationship with God. And intercessory prayer is an expression of this relationship. It is based on the relationship between God's sovereignty, control and our God-given freedom. God, in His love, makes the choice to honour our freedom by entrusting to us the responsibility of working out His will and purposes in our world. We must seek to make bring into reality the answer or solution when we pray for someone. In so doing we are fulfilling the will of God.

Prayer is an expression of our relationship to God and our neighbour, and the world around us. It is also an expression of our inter-dependence on God. So prayer should lead to a deepening of our relationship with God. This growing relationship is reflected in how we view the needs of others around. Prayer opens for us the immense possibilities of what God can do in answer, and this in turn leads to a growing desire to be part of God's answer to the needs of others around us.

Every Blessing,

Canon Garth Nathaniel

Churches Together Redditch - this week

Many residents of the Christian community of Redditch, have expressed their heart for our God-given environment and there has been a suggestion we come together to pray into issues affecting the environment, especially climate change.

This will take place next week in the slot normally occupied by the regular Prayer for Redditch slot.

Tuesday October 4th - 7.30pm

At St Stephen's Church

Caring for our Common Home, a service of prayers, readings and reflections on our relationship with our world, see the poster on the notice board.

Boiler update

Thank you to all who have made donations towards replacing the Central Heating Boiler in the church. Currently the total given towards this project is £3072, which includes donations parish wide and Gift Aid.

Thank you

A big thank you to Jo and Lynda for the beautiful Harvest flower decorations in church today

NEW Pilgrim course – food for thought

A new course on the topic of the Creeds using Church of England resources, on alternate Wednesday evenings starting at 7.30pm is being run by Garth in the Huband room at St Peter's. The next meeting is this Wednesday 5th October please consider this excellent way of learning more about the Christian faith. The course format is prayer, Bible reading, questions to ponder and reflection by DVD from a well-known theologian.

Bromsgrove and Redditch welcome refugees

Thank you to those who have donated blankets, clothes, shoes and toiletries, these are on their way to People in Motion in Malvern for ongoing transportation to refugees in Calais.

Card making- Lynda will be holding the next card making social on Friday 21st October 10-noon, the cost to cover materials is £3, please let Lynda know if you aim to go along, 33 Atherstone Close, Matchborough.

Today 2nd October – Harvest

10.30am Harvest Worship For Everyone with Rosemary Humphrey
Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4 and Luke 17.5-10.
'Waiting on God'.

Harvest Lunch

6.30pm Holy Communion and healing prayer with Revd. Richard Harding.

Next Sunday 9th October – Trinity 20

10.30am Morning Worship with Revd. Paul Lawlor.
2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c and Luke 17.11-19

6.30pm Evening Service with a Celtic flavour with Rob Quarton.

Archbishop Justin in conversation with BBC Radio 2's Jeremy Vine Friday 7 October, 7pm Worcester Arena

An opportunity to come and listen to the Archbishop talk about his life and faith 'in conversation' with the BBC journalist, Jeremy Vine. Audience members will have the chance to ask questions and there will be a performance from a choir put together from local church schools. Tickets: £5 available from [Ticketline](#) or on 0844 888 9991.

Jeremy Vine is presenter, broadcaster and journalist. He is best known as the host of his own BBC Radio 2 programme which presents news, views, interviews with live guests and popular music. He is known for his direct interview style, and exclusive reporting from war-torn areas throughout Africa.

A MINI BUS WILL BE GOING FROM ST JOHN'S 5.45pm. IF YOU HAVEN'T BOOKED YOUR TICKETS YET THERE ARE STILL TICKETS AVAILABLE, THERE ARE ALSO 4 SPACES LEFT ON THE MINI BUS. IF INTERESTED PLEASE SEE SHARON ASAP

Craft, stories and refreshments for families

Saturday 8 October, 1.30pm St Stephen's Church, Redditch

Archbishop Justin will join this event for families, which will be based around the story of Jesus walking on water (Matthew 14: 22-36). Bring the children to have a go at the crafts, play on the bouncy castle, listen to the story told by the Archbishop, and enjoy tea and cake together.