Diary dates

Monday 1pm Bowls

Tuesday 10-12noon Parent and toddlers.

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.

21ST October - Card making at Lynda's

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

27th October – PCC meeting at St Johns.

20th November – Christ the King service at Christ Church

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 Licensed Lay Ministers Maureen, Rosie and Vicki.

Jane Smith – as she starts a long recovery from her operation to repair her broken ankle due to her diabetes.

For those suffering with ill health.

The Kigezi Water and Sanitation project we are supporting.

For those looking for work.

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

Tony Ball. Nancy Borthwick Mary Sabin Sylvia Czink Peggy Snellgrove Jane Smith

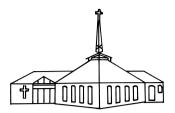
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Sunday 9th October 2016

Dear All,

In Psalm 23, we read that the Lord, "Leads me...." We must be willing to follow wherever He leads us. We must follow Him whole heartedly, anticipation lending wings to our feet. Even though we do not know what lies ahead, He knows, and that should be enough! Some of the richest blessings lie just around the corner out of our sight, but they are there. To receive these gifts, we are called to "walk by faith and not by sight."

This does not mean overlooking the present, but looking unto the Shepherd, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Sometimes God leads us up high mountains, over difficult paths, but His hand always supports us. The higher we climb, the more spectacular the view that lies before us. The higher we go with Him, the more we are able to experience and appreciate the reality of God's joyous presence.

Eventually we come back down into the valley, but we have experienced the light of His presence. This light shines through our very being, and continues to burn brightly as we follow wherever He leads us.

Every Blessing, Canon Garth Nathaniel

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.

Holland House

There will be a fund raising event for the Chapel restoration at Holland House, Cropthorne. It is at St. Martin's Church, London Road, Worcester on Saturday 22nd October at 10:30 am.

It is a celebration of Eric Coates' music performed by David (singing), Mike Elden on piano and Trevor Tipple on organ. There will be coffee and cakes. Free entry, but donations are invited and all proceeds will go to Holland House. People who are unable to come, can send small donations by cheque payable to "Holland House, Cropthorne" if they would like to.

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 ran by Garth in the Huband room at St Peter's. The next meeting is Wednesday 19th October please consider this excellent way of going deeper into the Christian faith. The course format is prayer, Bible reading, questions to ponder and reflection by DVD from well-known theologians. Find out more at www.pilgrimcourse.org

Alpha – this nation wide course continues at Christ Church Thursday's at 7pm, please join in to learn more about the Christian life.

Annual General Meeting of Bromsgrove and Redditch welcome refugees

Wednesday 26th October 7.30pm at St Peter's Church Hall, Rock Hill, Bromsgrove. B61 7LH

This will be an opportunity to discover more about 'Bromsgrove and Redditch Welcome Refugees'; their progress and plans. Come and celebrate the work that has been done and help BRWR build a brighter future for refugees settling in Worcestershire.

Today 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.

Next Sunday 16th October - Trinity 21

- 10.30am Morning Worship with Rosie Humphrey 'Struggling with God' Genesis 32.22-31 and Luke 18.1-8.
- 6.30pm Evening Worship with Revd. Richard Harding.

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

Festival of Healing – a notice from Worcester Cathedral

A service of healing will be held on Saturday 15 October in Worcester Cathedral.

We are privileged to have as our guest speaker Rev'd Mike Endicott (Prior of the Order of Jacob's Well). His subject will be "Living in the Miraculous Kingdom of God". This will take place in the Cathedral Chapter House at 10am. Following his address and coffee there will be small group discussions followed by a plenary session. Please bring a packed lunch.

At 2.00 pm there will be a Eucharist service with Bishop John presiding and Rev'd Mike Endicott preaching, during which there will be opportunities for laying on of hands and anointing.

The cost for the morning session will be £5.00. We hope you will want to come and celebrate with us. To book a place; peterandsue@gmail.com / 01386 861791