

## **Diary dates**

Monday 1pm Bowls  
Tuesday 10-12noon Parent and toddlers.  
8pm – DCC meet in the hall.  
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.  
Friday 10-12noon – Card making at Lynda's  
Saturday – 10-12noon Messy Church at Woodrow Community Rooms.  
25<sup>th</sup> October – Funeral of Tony Ball at St John's 2pm  
27<sup>th</sup> October – PCC meeting  
20<sup>th</sup> November – Christ the King service at Christ Church  
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.  
Our Licensed Lay Ministers Maureen, Rosie and Vicki.  
Ann Ball and family.  
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 Operation Christmas Child  
Senior afternoon tea  
For children waiting for adoption  
For charities reaching out to the lost, lonely and hungry.  
The boiler replacement at St John's  
The Parish Alpha course  
The Parish Pilgrim Course

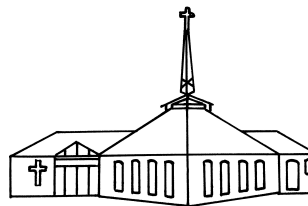
## **Keep praying for**

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

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Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear All,

I believe we are at an incredible time in history. Not only are we facing a world that is increasingly hostile to the Christian Faith, but there is also an agenda of darkness that, though foreseen and we are warned about in scripture, has been both ignored and largely forgotten in our time.

Scripture foretold of a last-days religiousness that prides itself in knowledge but deeply resists the truth. I believe that it is a form of doctrine that shifts its focus from a dependence on God to a dependence on human skill and effort.

In the days of King Saul, a misdirected focus led the entire army of Israel into spiritual paralysis when confronted with the threatening voice of Goliath. "You will serve us and do our bidding," was technically the threat of that time. Then entered David—a young man who knew how to pray and trusted only in the inner strength, wisdom and power that God is willing to give to those who seek Him. We still speak with awe of his victory over the darkness of that day.

As you and I return to walking in the purpose of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, may the generation behind us speak of this moment just as we speak of David's victory. Beloved it's time to pray.

Blessings,

Canon Garth Nathaniel

## **Tony Ball**

Many of you will know Tony had been ill for some time, sadly Tony passed away Thursday at home with his family around him. Please pray for Ann, Steve, Julie, Philippa, Heather, Ollie and Jamie. The funeral will take place at St John's 2pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October, all are welcome.

### **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 £4072, which includes donations parish wide and Gift Aid.*

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

### **Operation Christmas Child**

Christmas wrapped shoe boxes are now available, please take a box and a leaflet; choose what age of child you will be buying for, remember the boxes will be going to cold countries so gloves or hats might be a good idea. If you enjoy knitting you might want to join in with a helper at the mother and toddler group who is aiming to get 100 scarves knitted! The filled boxes should be brought in by November 6th in order to get them to a collection point in time. People who want to take part, but prefer not to go shopping, can select and pay for items for a box online or see Eileen, thank you.

**Energy Efficiency** – please see notice board about an event for residents about how to keep your home warmer this winter and available funding.

### **Senior Tea's**

There will be an afternoon tea in the hall on 6<sup>th</sup> November, if you know of anyone in the local area who might welcome an invitation please speak with Eileen as soon as possible.

### **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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.pilgrimcourse.org)

### **Today 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.

### **Next Sunday 23rd October – Trinity 22**

10.30am Holy Communion and Healing Prayer, led by Maureen Hughes  
Revd Garth Nathaniel will be speaking on Jeremiah 14.7-10,19-22 Luke 18.9-14.

6.30pm Evening Worship with Mike Palfreyman.

Ipsley Songs of Praise  
Come and enjoy Praise and Worship at  
St Peters, Ipsley  
on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016  
from 4pm to 5pm.  
Followed by refreshments in the Huband Room  
All welcome.

### **Upcoming services**

#### **Remembrance Sunday**

The second Sunday in November will be our Remembrance service led by Rev Garth Nathaniel.

#### **Service on 20<sup>th</sup> November**

There will be a Parish service on Sunday morning 20<sup>th</sup> November to celebrate Christ The King. We observe Christ the King on the last Sunday after Pentecost, which is also the last Sunday of the Christian year and the Sunday before the new year begins with Advent. Traditionally Christ the King is set aside as a celebration of the coming reign of Jesus Christ and the completion of creation. *Please note in order that as many of the congregation can attend the service as possible, there will not be a morning service at St John's; the evening service will be as usual at 6.30pm.*