

## **Diary dates**

Monday- 1.30pm Bowls.

Tuesday-10am Parent and toddlers

Wednesday – Service of Remembrance 7.30pm

Thursday- 9.30am Holy Communion at St John's followed by coffee morning  
10am Parent and toddlers

16<sup>th</sup> November –DCC meeting at St John's

18<sup>th</sup> November – Card making at Lynda's 10-12noon

20<sup>th</sup> November – 10.30am 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.

3<sup>rd</sup> December – Christmas Fayre in the hall.

## **Please pray for:**

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

Our Licensed Lay Ministers Maureen, Rosie and Vicki.

Ann Ball and family.

The family of Mary Sabin.

For the Remembrance service at St John's.

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

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

Planning for Christmas services.

## **Keep praying for**

Ann Ball. Nancy Borthwick Jane Smith

Sylvia Czink Peggy Snellgrove

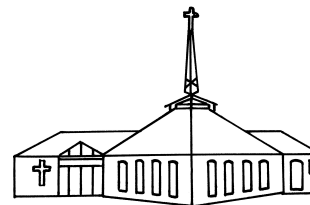
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# St. John The Evangelist

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Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear All,

Evangelism is not an optional extra or bolt on to our plan, but is an integral part to our lives as Christians. It is not a marketing strategy that is motivated by an anxiety about numbers in church attendance or decline thereof. The Revd Chris Russell, the archbishop's advisor for evangelism and witness, says of evangelism, "It is a commitment you have because you are the Church of Jesus Christ, not because you are worried about the future, or who is going to pay for the roof. What matters is that people do not know Jesus Christ."

It is saddening that so few churches in this nation are prepared and stirred to pray more fervently, reaching out to people with the Good News of Jesus. Jesus commands His disciples to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. My prayer is that we at St John's will be those who will pray and share the Gospel of Jesus with those souls who are lost.

Prayerfully,

Canon Garth Nathaniel

### **Service of Remembrance, Thanksgiving and Hope**

A service will be held this Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm at St John's, please collect a card on the table in the foyer for more information.

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

There will be a Parish service at Christ Church on Sunday morning 20<sup>th</sup> November to celebrate Christ The King. **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 6.30pm as usual.**

### **Super 70**

Everyone is invited to help Lynda celebrate her birthday on 27<sup>th</sup> November, in the church hall after the morning service. Musical entertainment from Geoff and other family members will be enjoyed. Whilst your presence is enough, if you would like to bring a gift, Lynda would like donations to go to the provision of counselling of bereaved children through charity Touchstones – thank you.

### **Bonfire Night**

Thank you to Vicki and Rob, for hosting the bonfire party yesterday. A good time was had by all.

### **Card making**

The next card making at Lynda's will be Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 10-12noon. Cost is £3 to include materials and refreshments. Please let Lynda know if you will be going along.

**Christmas** – we will shortly be promoting to the local community the Christmas activities taking place here at St John's. If you can offer help at this busy time, please see Ann, Sharon, Eileen or Rosie -thank you.

### **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 £4,123, which includes donations parish wide and Gift Aid.

**Bottle and chocolate tombola** - The Christmas Fayre on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, will have a prize every time bottle and chocolate tombola, please bring in donations of chocolate and alcoholic and non alcoholic bottles as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **Foodbank Christmas Boxes:**

Please could you consider donating any of the following items for the Christmas food boxes given to families in Redditch: Christmas cake, chocolate log, selection biscuits, pickles or chutneys, tinned meats, tinned/mashed potatoes, sweets or biscuits.

### **Senior Tea**

Nearly 50 people from the local community will be enjoying afternoon tea and entertainment this afternoon in the hall. Organised by Eileen and a team of church and non church folk. If you are one of those attending, have a wonderful time.

### **Today Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November – 3<sup>rd</sup> before Advent**

10.30am Worship For Everyone with Vicki Quarton.  
Job 19.23-27a and Luke 20.27-38.

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

### **Next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> before Advent**

10.30am Remembrance Service with Revd Garth Nathaniel.  
2 Thessalonians 3.6-13 and Luke 21.5-19

6.30pm Evening Worship with Rosemary Humphrey.

### **The Word Christian Bookshop**

Based within St Stephen's the Christian Word Shop is your local Christian resource centre. Situated right in the town centre of Redditch they stock a wide range of Bibles, books, greetings cards and gifts to suit all tastes, pockets and occasions! Open Monday to Saturday 9.30am to 4.30pm.

What is stocked?

- Bibles and Bible Cases
- Greeting Cards including Christmas, Birth, Dedication, Christening, Baptism cards etc.
- Sunday School Material
- Children's Items Including Pop-up books and Children's Bibles
- Music including major and some of the less well known modern Christian bands.
- Christian Books including Bible studies and Alpha books and materials.
- Giftware including silk scarves, crosses and crucifix's etc!
- Daily Bible Readings such as Every Day With Jesus, Light and New Daylight.

*The Shop is an independent non-for-profit organisation, profits raised go back into the community; St John's used this fund to pay for books that were donated to Woodrow First School library as part of our 25 in 25 project.*