

Diary dates

Monday- 1.30pm Bowls.
Tuesday-10am Parent and toddlers
7.30pm DCC meeting at St John's
Thursday- 9.30am Holy Communion at St John's followed by coffee morning
10am Parent and toddlers
Friday- Card making at Lynda's 10-12noon
Sunday - 10.30am 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.
3rd 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.
The Parish service next Sunday.
For the DCC meeting 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 Parish Alpha course
The Parish Pilgrim Course
Planning for Christmas services.

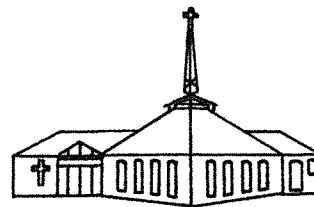
Keep praying for

Ann Ball. Nancy Borthwick Jane Smith
Sylvia Czink Peggy Snellgrove

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Sunday 13th November 2016

Dear all,

Today is Remembrance Sunday. And as we honour and remember those who have paid the ultimate cost of our freedoms with their lives, I cannot help but think about the awful cost of lives in war. The cost of this can be seen on our TV screens almost every day of the year. However this year I am more aware of another kind of war that we are engaged in. I speak of spiritual warfare.

Paul said, "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." Eph. 6:12 We need to be aware that we are in a battle. We must remember that Jesus has already won the victory on the cross. The enemy is fierce but in Revelation we are told "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." Rev. 12.11

More than conquerors through Him who loved us.

Canon Garth Nathaniel

Service next Sunday morning 20th November

There will be a Parish service at Christ Church on Sunday morning 20th 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 27th 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.

Card making

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

Bottle and chocolate tombola - The Christmas Fayre on Saturday 3rd 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.

INVITATION – Men's Breakfast

Do consider joining Ron Skelton and others on Saturday 26th November 2016 7:45 for 8:00am, at the KINGS COUGHTON HOTEL, NR ALCESTER B49 5QQ

Affiliated with Christian Vision for Men
THE GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE STEVE TASH
Admission £8.00

Steve was a teacher in Coventry teaching English and RE before moving on to be Director of Coventry Youth for Christ. Ordained in 1991, he served as vicar in Salford Priors and other local churches, moving to York in 2009. Keen to share his faith with young people he wrote Hey You! published in 1999. More recently he worked as chaplain based in Warwick Hospital and qualified as a Life Coach. Becoming 60 this year he set himself a 'Presentation Marathon' challenge, speaking about the work of Farm Africa with heart-warming stories of people in East Africa being lifted out of poverty and hunger for good."

Please contact organiser Paul Nash by Wednesday 23rd Nov 2016
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NB: There will be a women's breakfast with guest speaker at St Peter's, in February, look out in the notices for invitations nearer the time.

Today Sunday 13th November – Remembrance

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. Reading Daniel 6
'Daniel- Diligent, Devoted, Dissident'

Next Sunday 20th November – Christ the King

10.30am Parish Service at Christ Church.

Please do come along to the service next week, the format will be as a usual Sunday service at St Johns. The address is Ryton Close, Matchborough West B98 0EW, for pictures of Christ Church visit www.ipsley.org/christ-church. Don't hesitate to contact Ann or Sharon for a lift. *Children should first go into the church, then after a short while, they will be invited to go out into the hall opposite for fun activities around 'Gods wonderful promise', St John's children's leaders will be there to welcome them.*

6.30pm Evening Worship with Revd Richard Harding.

Financial Update October 2016-

Thank you to all who have made donations towards replacing the Central heating boiler in church, Currently the total given towards this project is £4185, which includes donations parish wide and Gift Aid Donations. Also the Diocese have agreed to give us a loan of £5000 for the boiler (which we will be aiming to repay over the next 2 years).

We should be able to fully fund the boiler replacement and our existing commitments for this year.

However our bank balances are forecast to go down by about £2500 by the end of December. This would give Year End Bank balances of around £7000. (which is about half of what we should have for healthy operation).

Our financial situation for 2017 is more uncertain. Following our redoing the Fairer Share Survey we are expecting a reduction in our payments from January 2017, but we will not know by how much until December.

Annette -Treasurer St John's