

Diary dates

Monday- 1.30pm Bowls.

Tuesday-10am Parent and toddlers.

Wednesday- 7.30pm Pilgrim Course at St Peter's.

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

Saturday - 9.30-12noon St John's DCC training at St Peter's.

28th January - Messy Church 10am Woodrow Community Hall.

28th January - 10.30-12noon Redditch Holocaust Memorial Day

9th February - 7pm - Children's Leaders social

23rd February - 7.30-9.30pm PCC meet at Christ Church.

28th February - 5pm Children's social - Pancakes at Jane and Karl Smith's

25th February - 10-12noon Messy Church in Woodrow.

14-20th May - Christian Aid Week.

Please pray for:

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

Our Licensed Lay Ministers Maureen, Rosie and Vicki.

Ann Ball and family.

Those suffering with ill health.

The Kigezi Water and Sanitation project we are supporting.

Messy Church - planning for January.

Open the Book.

4 U Club.

Our Nation- for the Prime Minister, the government & Members of

Parliament for wisdom as they prepare for Britain to leave the EU

Those looking for work.

Charities reaching out to the lost, lonely and hungry.

Keep praying for

Ann Ball. Nancy Borthwick Jane Smith

Sylvia Czink Peggy Snellgrove

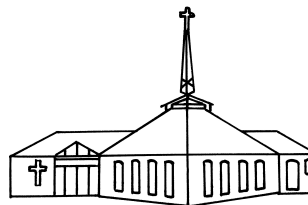
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Sunday 8th January 2017

Dear all,

On behalf of Jennifer, the wardens and the DCC, wishing you all a Happy New Year.

As Joshua stood on the verge of entering the promised land God came to Joshua and spoke to him saying,

"So be strong and brave! Be careful to do everything my servant Moses taught you. Never stop reading The Book of the Law[b] he gave you. Day and night you must think about what it says. If you obey it completely, you and Israel will be able to take this land. I've commanded you to be strong and brave. Don't ever be afraid or discouraged! I am the Lord your God, and I will be there to help you wherever you go. Joshua 1:7-9 (CEV)

So in this first week of 2017, let us commit this year to the Lord. Let us consecrate ourselves to Him as we set our hearts to walk this coming year with the Lord in obedience to His Word.

With every blessing for this coming year

Canon Garth Nathaniel

Pilgrim Course

The next discipleship course will begin this Wednesday 11th January 7.30pm in the Huband Room St Peter's. A six session course, the meetings are held every 2 weeks.

The Eucharist

The Pilgrim Course, published by the Church of England, offers an approach of "participation, not persuasion" and is written to help people explore what it means to be a Christian. This next session is based on 'The Eucharist' – one of four books in the 'Grow' stage of Pilgrim in preparation for Easter.

Across six sessions, The Eucharist explores why Holy Communion stands at the very heart of Christian worship and invites us to consider the place of worship in our own lives.

The Bishop of Exeter Robert Atwell, one of the authors of the course, said:

"The disciples Jesus met on the road on the first Easter Sunday recognized him in the breaking of bread. This Lent as we journey towards Holy Week and Easter, this course offers us a unique opportunity to explore how Christians encounter God in worship and above all in Holy Communion."

The published book is referred to throughout the evening, you can either purchase a book for £7 to keep and refer to or if there are spare books you can borrow one each time.

Session one of the book is available as a sample by visiting [http://www.pilgrimcourse.org/books/the-eucharist-\(book-6\)](http://www.pilgrimcourse.org/books/the-eucharist-(book-6))

If you would like more information please speak with Sharon or Garth. Refreshments are available from 7pm, the course starts at 7.30pm and ends at 9.30pm.

The Wave Youth Service

For young people aged 11-18 years of age, the Wave Youth Service takes place at Christ Church the last Friday of each month at 7.30-8.30p.m. It is run by the youth for the youth, Christ Church Youth Workers are also in attendance.

Today 8th January – Baptism of Christ

10.30am Morning Worship , with Revd. Garth Nathaniel ' Encounters' Isaiah 42:1-9 and Matthew 3:13-17.

6.30pm Evening Worship with Maureen Hughes.

Next Sunday 15th January – Epiphany 2

10.30am Morning Worship with Vicki Quarton
'What are you looking for' Isaiah 49:1-7 and John 1:29-42

6.30pm Evening worship with Revd.Richard Harding

Holocaust Memorial Day 2017 in Redditch

Saturday 28th January

10:30am Procession from Council Chamber Redditch Town Hall to the Holocaust Memorial Marker

10:45am Procession from the Memorial through the Kingfisher Centre, ending at the Ecumenical Centre

11:00 Event in the Ecumenical Centre

12noon Redditch Community Gospel Choir and talk by Bosnian survivor Misrad Solakovic

Spectacular exhibition

Threads through Revelation is a spectacular display of textile art, showing many images from the book of Revelation, the last book in the Bible. On Tour Now!

Threads through Revelation is visiting cathedrals across the country for the next three years. The exhibition is travelling to:

Exeter Cathedral: 19th Oct - 19 December 2016

Worcester Cathedral: 7 January - 27 February 2017

Norwich Cathedral: 2 March - 15 April 2017

Peterborough Cathedral: 4 July - 8 Sept 2017

Salisbury Cathedral: 11 September - 5 Nov 2017

Ripon: 26 February - 13 April 2018

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