

Diary dates

Monday- 1.30pm Bowls.

Tuesday-10am Parent and toddlers.

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

SPICE Meeting 7pm in church

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

10am Parent and toddlers.

Friday - Wave Youth Service at Christ Church 7.30pm

Saturday - Messy Church 10am Woodrow Community Hall.

Saturday - 10.30-12noon Redditch Holocaust Memorial Day

31st January -1.30pm Standing Committee meet

7.30pm - Children's Leaders Meeting

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

14th February - 7.30pm DCC meet in church

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.

27th April - Parish AGM 7.30pm Venue TBA

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.

Joanne Goodwin - secretary at St Peter's who is off work ill

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.

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

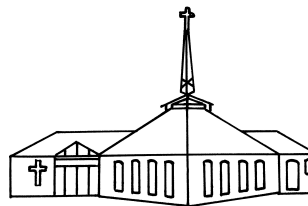
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Sunday 22nd January 2017

Dear St John's

It was session two of the Pilgrim Course this week, we are looking at the Eucharist - the taking of bread and wine in remembrance of Jesus. So far we have looked at the hospitality of Jesus at the Last Supper and that in the Eucharist, God is the host and we are the guests. We gather around his table and learn from his hospitality how to be hospitable ourselves, to strangers and to fellow pilgrims. We read that all services, whether a Eucharist or not - are times when we are reminded that God welcomes us as his people just as we are, because of what Jesus has done.

It is in remembrance of Jesus whose death is a sacrifice motivated by love, that we are led to worship.

We thought about what sacrificial living might be today- living peacefully with one another, living quietly perhaps, being truth and light where we are, ready to speak up when we see an injustice, were just some thoughts.

As we journey through this week, we were asked to think about how we are called to live out the sacrificial love we see in the death and resurrection of Jesus and which is made present for us in the Eucharist. What does it mean for us to live sacrificial lives?

Blessings

Sharon

Card making at Lynda's

Do you enjoy craft, or would like to give it a try? join Lynda Adams at home for card making 1pm-3pm on 30th January, cost £3 to cover refreshments and materials, please let Lynda know you will be going.

Fund raising update

The Christmas Fayre in the hall raised £915, which will be used for the local community. Well done to Eileen and volunteers and thank you if you donated in any way.

The Children's Society

Annette has sent to the Children's Society a cheque for £72.85, money raised during the Christmas services.

Christian Aid

The regional organiser for Christian Aid has managed to secure a slot at TESCO Redditch for a charity collection on Friday February 10th.

Tony Pitt a local resident is trying to organise collectors to help with this if anyone is willing to help shake a bucket for an hour or so on that day please can you contact Tony by telephone or use the following email dickim@globalnet.co.uk. The day would last from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. so 8 hours in total, and we need at least 2 volunteers per hour, so 16 people in total. The same opportunity came up 2 years ago and more than £450 was raised on that one day.

SPICE meeting this Wednesday 7.30pm in church

Meeting Wednesday evening at 7pm in the back room of church to review 2016 and look ahead to what 2017 has in store!

This meeting is for anyone who is interested in the area we serve - Greenlands, Woodrow and Wirehill.

Please pray about our community outreach and bring what God has placed on your heart to the meeting.

SPICE - You're part of it!

Parish AGM 7.30pm 27th April – venue TBA

Please put in the diary the date of the Parish AGM, all welcome.

The Wave Youth Service this Friday 27th January

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 22nd January – Epiphany 3

10.30am Holy Communion and Healing Prayer with Revd.Garth Nathaniel Isaiah 9:1-4 and Matthew 4:12-23.
'The promise of the Kingdom'

6.30pm Evening worship with Rosemary Humphrey.

Next Sunday 29th January – Epiphany 4

10.30am Morning Worship with Maureen Hughes and Rosie Humphrey
'The Merciful Kingdom Micah 6:1-8 and Matthew 5:1-12

6.30pm Evening Praise.

Evening service on the Holy Spirit

Revd.Richard Harding started a series of talks on the Holy Spirit last Sunday evening "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. .. 'From within him will flow rivers of living water". Sunday evening services offer a quieter time of reflection lasting just an hour, if you're serving in the morning services, why not 'come and see'.

Woodrow Library

In these times of funding cutbacks, it is pleasing to see the library is thriving; as well as free children's activities including film club and story time alternate Saturdays, there is something extra for older folk coming soon:

Golden Oldies Film Club and Tea and books – an informal coffee morning.

You may know about the Library Service at Home – a book delivery service for people who are housebound and unable to visit the library themselves. Contact the library for more information 01905 822722

Please support Woodrow Library to ensure it stays open in the long term, for local residents. Parking available, there are friendly staff and a good selection of books, computers with wifi, printing and photocopying if needed.

Keeping the library open helps those looking for work too as a job club, CV advice and job search is available.