

### **Diary dates**

Monday- 1.30pm Bowls.

Tuesday-10am Parent and toddlers.

1.30pm Standing Committee meet.

7.30pm - Children's Leaders Meeting.

6.30pm - Meeting ref. Street Pastors.

7.00pm - Meeting ref. Woodrow Community in the library.

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.

9<sup>th</sup> February - 7pm - Children's Leaders social

14<sup>th</sup> February - 7.30pm DCC meet in church

23<sup>rd</sup> February - 7.30-9.30pm PCC meet at Christ Church.

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

25<sup>th</sup> February - 10-12noon Messy Church in Woodrow.

1<sup>st</sup> March - Ash Wednesday

27<sup>th</sup> 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

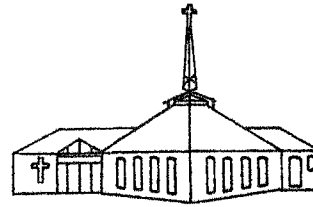
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**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

Dear all,

Paul warned the early church, that false teachers would lead churches and Christians astray, with their false teaching. He calls the church to remain steadfast and true to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He calls the Church not to give in to this false teaching that comes from spiritual forces of darkness.

Over more than 2000 years the Church has had to contend with false teaching that threatened to dilute the truth of the Gospel. False teaching does not always bear an evil or foul face. If it did, it would be easy to recognise and reject it. The sinister nature of false teaching is this, it comes with a beautiful attractive face. It comes using language that is reasonable and makes sense. But the pretty face of false teaching hides like a mask the ugliness of rebellion against God. It denies God and His holiness and His rightful place in our lives. This false teaching can be found both within the Church and in society around us. The test of Truth is, "does it honour and glorify Jesus?"

More on this to follow later.

With every blessing,

Canon Garth Nathaniel

### **Invitation for this Tuesday**

There will be a meeting this Tuesday 7pm in Woodrow Library for residents of Woodrow and anyone who supports the community, with an aim of finding out how we could all work better together to support the community.

### **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 tomorrow, cost £3 to cover refreshments and materials, please let Lynda know you will be going.

### **Snowdrops in Church Grounds & Exhibitions in Church**

Visit these church grounds and see the wonderful display of snowdrops. Also visit the exhibition which illustrate church life and work in the community. Refreshments also available including lunches. Programme ends with a Marriage Affirmation Service at 5pm. All welcome February 11th & 12th 2017 (Sat 10-30am to 4-30pm & Sun 1pm to 4pm) St Leonard's Beoley, B98 8AR.

### **Christian Aid**

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

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](mailto: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.

### **STREET PASTORS**

Redditch Borough Council and the local police have asked the churches in Redditch if they will provide Street Pastors to support the young folk spilling out of pubs and clubs at the end of their evening. The authorities need a response from the churches as soon as possible. A meeting has been arranged for churches at St Stephen's on Tuesday 31st January at 6.30pm to discover the level of support there is for this project.

As you may know there is already a successful group of Street Pastors in Bromsgrove and other Towns and Cities. If you think you might be interested, please go along to the meeting to find out more.

### **Today Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany 5**

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 with Revd Paul Lawlor.  
John 2:1-11 'The wedding in Cana'  
and 1Cor 1: 18-31 'Christ the Power and the Wisdom of God'

### **Next Sunday– Epiphany 6**

10.30am Worship For Everyone with Rob Quarton  
'Attractive living' Isaiah 58: 1-9a(9b-12) and Matthew 5:13-20

6.30pm Holy Communion service with Revd Richard Harding, see notice below.

### **Evening service on the Holy Spirit**

Revd.Richard Harding continues a series of talks on the Holy Spirit next 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 an hour starting at 6.30pm, do come and join us.

### **Churches Together in Worcestershire Quiet Day - "Creative Sabbath"**

Droitwich Methodist Church on Saturday 9th March, 10-3pm Led by Sister Anna O'Connor.

A chance to unpack and experience with Sr Anna something of the "creative sabbath" Sr Anna is a member of the Congregation of Sisters of Charity of St Paul the Apostle, based in Birmingham. She has worked as a teacher, psychotherapist both privately and in the NHS and as chaplain at the interfaith Chaplaincy at the University of Birmingham. Currently she is vicar for religious for Archdiocese of Birmingham and works as a Spiritual director and facilitator. The programme for the day includes worship, addresses by Sr. Anna, quiet times and sharing lunch together.

This event is free, but donations of £5 invited to cover expenses. Please bring a packed lunch. TO BOOK YOUR PLACE Please contact Max Jourdier on [mandcjourdier@gmail.com](mailto:mandcjourdier@gmail.com) or 01886 812259.