

Diary dates

Monday- 1.30pm Bowls.

Tuesday-10am Parent and toddlers.

1.30pm Fabric committee meeting at Ann's

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.

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.

1st March – Ash Wednesday

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.

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

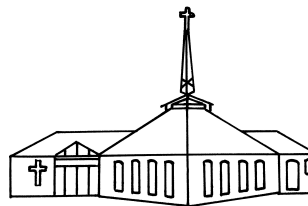
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Sunday 5th February 2017

Dear all,

Last week I wrote about Paul's warning about false teaching. Recently the media has reported on the growing trend of "fake news" or "alternate truth." They are both the same thing. And because either the information of the person giving it, seem very credible, does not make it any more true.

Now there are those who provide the "alternate truth" to the Christian story. Just because they make a credible case with the facts or "fake facts" they present, does not make them true. Information is manipulated, and facts are manufactured, and other verifiable facts are disregarded.

There is no "alternate truth." Jesus is "the Way, the Truth and the Life." And it is only through Him we come to the Father. I will write more on this later.

With every blessing,

Canon Garth Nathaniel

Bromsgrove and Redditch Welcome Refugees

Thank you to those of you who donated warm clothing for refugees, these are now being added to other donations across Worcestershire for ongoing transportation to help meet the needs of those sleeping outside in camps across Europe and Syria.

Bromsgrove and Redditch Welcome Refugees action group will be linking up on **Wednesday 22nd February** with the Artrix and musicians to hold a fundraising event and also as an evening of celebration, to raise money to support the local Syrian community, who arrived this summer and to help refugees displaced across Europe. Tickets are now on sale, and available from the Artrix box office (01527 577330) at a cost of £15. A broad mix of musical styles will be on show including Samba, Folk, Blues, Jazz, Roots, Country and more. See the flyer on the notice board.

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

Could you help with a local collection for Christian Aid 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.

Foodbank.

Thank you for your continued support. There is a good stock on most things at the moment after Christmas, but these items are running low. Tinned Meats (meatballs, stew, curry) Tinned Meat (ham, corned beef) Fruit juice (long life carton) Custard Sponge puddings Tinned fruit Sugar Basic Toiletries, toilet rolls, razors, shaving foam, deodorant.

Today Sunday 5th February – Fourth Sunday before Lent

10.30am Worship For Everyone with Rob Quarton.

6.30pm Holy Communion service with Revd Richard Harding, John 1:35-50 - Disciples of Christ

Next Sunday– Third Sunday before Lent

10.30am Morning Worship with Revd Garth Nathaniel Deut 30:15-20 and Matthew 5:21-37 'Living with Integrity'.

6.30pm Evening Worship with Maureen Hughes.

Evening service on the Holy Spirit

Revd.Richard Harding continues a series of talks on the Holy Spirit this 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.

Do you have ideas for improvements to the hall?

There will be a meeting of the Fabric Committee this Tuesday to talk about improvements to the hall, rather than general maintenance, this meeting is about how the hall might be taken forward. We might want for example to improve the halls energy efficiency or how we might be able to let people know of all the activities that regularly take place.

If you have any ideas please feed them through to Sharon or Phillip. Revd Richard Harding will be looking into funding that we can apply for to make improvements.