

Diary dates

Thursday- 9.30am Holy Communion at St John's followed by coffee morning.
7.30-9.30pm PCC meet at Christ Church.

Saturday 10-12noon Messy Church in Woodrow.

27th February - Card making at Lynda's 1pm

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

1st March - Ash Wednesday, service at St Peters

3rd March - Women's World Day of Prayer 2pm Oasis and 7.30pm St Peter's

7th March - Parish Lent Course - 12.30pm and 7.30pm St Peter's
Children's leaders meeting 8.00pm at Jane Smith's

27th March - Card making at Lynda's 1pm

4th April - AGM at St Johns 7.30pm

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.
- ❖ Parent and toddler group
- ❖ Women's World Day of Prayer in Redditch
- ❖ Compassion and other charities forced to close in India
- ❖ Those suffering with ill health.
- ❖ The Kigezi Water and Sanitation project we are supporting.
- ❖ Messy Church next Saturday
- ❖ Open the Book, as they continue to be welcomed in schools.
- ❖ 4 U Club, for children signing up to this Bible group in school
- ❖ The new Jobs Coach at Woodrow and the volunteers being sought to help people get into work.
- ❖ Charities reaching out to the lost, lonely and hungry including the monthly outreach in the Ecumenical Centre.
- ❖ Faith at Work in Worcestershire and the Chaplains who volunteer including Chaplains in the Kingfisher Centre

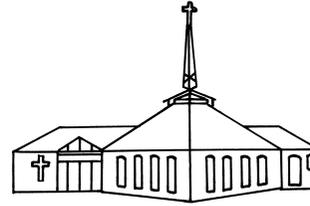
Keep praying for

Ann Ball. Nancy Borthwick Jane Smith
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Sunday 19th February 2017

Dear All,

I remember someone once saying, "I don't know what to pray for!" What can we pray for? Last Sunday, the pathfinders group drew up a graffiti prayer sheet on which they had cut out and glued articles from the newspapers. These included things to give thanks to God for and other things to pray for.

Have you looked at the weekly Sunday notice sheet as a prayer tool? I find using the Notices as a useful tool in knowing what to pray for. Besides the regular prayer points, keep the various activities and leaders in your prayers. Pray for safety and a blessing for them. We include information about events, pray for the leaders by name as they prepare for these events. Pray for the DCC and the leadership team. All of this information appears in the Notices.

Praying with you,

Canon Garth Nathaniel

Parish Lent Course - will begin on Tuesday 7th March at 12:30pm with soup & sandwiches at the start. There will be an identical course running on Wednesday evenings starting on 8th March at 7:30pm, both in the Huband Room at St Peter's.

Toddlers - can you help?

The Tuesday and Thursday toddler group are seeing unprecedented numbers of parents and toddlers, if you can help in any way please see Eileen, the groups run from 10am-11.30am

Card Making

Do you enjoy craft, or would like to give it a try? join Lynda Adams at home for card making 1pm-3pm on 27th February and 27th March, cost £3 to cover refreshments and materials, please let Lynda know you will be going.

Women's World Day of Prayer

There will be 2 services held in Redditch on Friday March 3rd. The afternoon service is at Oasis Church at 2.00pm and the evening service is at St Peter's Church at 7.30pm. WWDP is unique in its breadth and the unity and friendship it creates, it is the largest ecumenical movement in the world, the only one in which Orthodox and Protestant, Catholic and Evangelical come together to worship; covering 170 countries and territories.

Touchstones Ball 1ST April

How does a night out, with gorgeous food, entertainment, good company with some familiar faces sound? and even better, by buying a ticket to the Charity Ball you will be helping to raise money for Touchstones Child Bereavement Support. Take a look at the flyer on the board in the foyer or see Vicki or Rob Quarton for more information.

Christian Contemplation Day Workshop

Retreat, Quiet day, Prayer, Open day

Saturday 11 March 2017 – 9:30 AM to 4 PM

Where: The Ark, adjoining St Laurence Parish Church, School Lane, Alvechurch, Worcestershire , B48 7SB Contact: Richard Johnston, 0131 463 2588 info@christianmindfulness.co.uk

Explore the Christian contemplative tradition, deepening our relationship with God. The Christian contemplative tradition offers a rich and exciting way of deepening awareness, openness and intimacy with God, and of encouraging greater personal resilience and renewal of the mind. This workshop includes PowerPoint presentation, guided meditations and small group discussion. The focus is on seeking to grow in a deeper relationship with God. The workshop is presented by Richard Johnston, director of Christian Mindfulness. Reserve your place by visiting the web link. £35 per person. Bring your own packed lunch. <http://www.christianmindfulness.co.uk/alvechurch.html>

Today– Second Sunday before Lent

10.30am Morning Worship with Maureen Hughes and Rosemary Humphrey Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18 and Matthew 5:38-48, 'Living graciously and generously'.

6.30pm Evening Worship with Revd Richard Harding. Colossians 3:1-17 and John 7:37-39

Next Sunday– Transfiguration

10.30am Holy Communion and Healing Prayer 'Exodus 24:12-18 Matthew 17:1-9' with Revd Garth Nathaniel 'Fully human, fully divine'

6.30pm Evening Worship with Rosemary Humphrey.

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.

PACT Meetings

The Next PACT meeting for Greenland, Woodrow, Lodge Park and Lakeside is at Woodrow Library on Thursday 9th March at 7pm.

This is your opportunity to find out more about what is happening in your local community, and to share any concerns you may have.

PACT groups operate for all parts of town, do find out where and when your local groups meet and support these events.

Messy Church

Messy Church takes place this Saturday 10-12noon at Woodrow Community Hall, please encourage parents and carers with young children to attend. The event is free and includes craft, music and food based around the Biblical story of Daniel.

Shrove Tuesday

A reminder there will be pancakes at Jane and Karl Smith's 5pm on 28th February, for parents and children. Cost £1 per child.