

Diary dates

Monday – 1.30pm Bowls
Tuesday –10-11.30am Parent and toddlers
 -12.30pm – Lent course at St Peters
Wednesday – Lent Course at St Peters 7.30pm
Thursday– 9.30am Holy Communion at St John’s followed by coffee morning.
 -10-11.30am Parent and toddlers
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.
- ❖ Ian and Judy Evans at the loss of Ian’s mother
- ❖ Richard Harding as he returns to work after a short illness.
- ❖ Peggy Snellgrove out of hospital and recovering from pneumonia
- ❖ Ann Ball and family.
- ❖ Amanda Heeks who we have lost touch with
- ❖ Parent and toddler group at St John’s
- ❖ Chris and Claire and other new parents
- ❖ The work of Christian charities trying to bring about change
- ❖ Compassion and other charities forced to close in India
- ❖ Those suffering with ill health.
- ❖ The Kigezi Water and Sanitation project we are supporting.
- ❖ Open the Book, as we continue to be welcomed in schools.
- ❖ 4 U Club, for children signing up to this Bible group in school
- ❖ Charities reaching out to the lost, lonely and hungry including the monthly outreach in the Ecumenical Centre and Church Urban Fund.

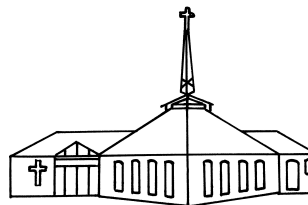
Keep praying for

Ann Ball. Nancy Borthwick Jane Smith
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Sunday 12th March 2017

On behalf of St Johns we welcome Kim and Rob, their family and friends, joining us today to Baptise Rosalie. We do hope you enjoy this special service and if able, do please stay for refreshments at the end.

Dear All

When the Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness after His baptism, He was tested to the limit by the devil. Hebrews 4:15 tells us we have a high priest who "in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin." Jesus went through this dark time so that He could emerge victorious and undefeated from the wilderness.

It was because of this victory over the world, the flesh and the devil, that Jesus was able to face another dark night of the soul, when He faced death on the cross. And because He had already gained victory in His life, He was able to defeat death, and emerge victorious and undefeated from the grave in the Resurrection.

It is because Jesus lived and died victorious over the very kingdom of darkness and hell, that we can now live victoriously in the fullness and the power of the Holy Spirit. This is God's desire for us. Jesus shows us how.

Blessings

Canon Garth Nathaniel

Congratulations

Congratulations to Maureen and Bob Hughes on the birth of their Granddaughter Alexandra, born to Claire and Chris on Monday.

Baptism preparation

There will be a Baptism preparation morning on Saturday 8th April at St Peter's for people of all ages who are considering being Baptised. Please contact Linda Nicholas on l.nicholas@blueyonder.co.uk or leave a message at St Peter's office for Linda to contact you 01527 522847.

Agape Maundy Thursday meal

The bring and share Maundy Thursday meal will be at St Peter's the date is 13th April on the evening. More information and a sign up sheet will be available shortly.

Lent reflection from the Church Urban Fund

"Following food regulations in scripture seemed to be taking precedence over the wider Biblical agenda of justice and mercy."

Reflect: Justice and mercy

In chapter 5 of the Book of Amos, it says, 'Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!' Should the pursuit of God's justice be a top priority for Christians? Do we sometimes allow it to drop down our agenda or allow distractions like those obsessed with food regulations in Jesus' time?

Pray: with us for God's justice and mercy in the lives of refugees and asylum seekers.

Lord,

As we see displacement and pain on a huge scale in our world,

Give us the will and the means to make a difference,

As we see vulnerable people arriving in our communities,

Inspire us to offer a friendly face and a warm welcome,

May we offer them a glimpse of your unfailing love,

And may we become tools of your justice and mercy on this earth,

Amen

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Today - Lent 2

10.30am Morning worship and Baptism of Roslaie with Revd Garth Nathaniel.
'How can this be' Genesis 12.1-4a and John 3.1-17

6.30pm Evening Praise with Mike Palfreyman.
'Psalm 121'

Next Sunday- Lent 3

10.30am Morning worship with Rosemary Humphrey.
'Thirsty work' Exodus 17:1-7 and John 4:5-42

6.30pm Evening Praise with Revd Richard Harding.

Reports for the AGM

If you are providing a report, can you please get it to Barry as soon as possible, there is work to be done in getting the reports collated and printed in time for the DCC before the AGM – thank you.

AGM and Church Electoral Roll Revision:

Our AGM is coming up on Tuesday 4th April 7.30-8.30pm please do come along. If you have been attending St John's for 6 months or more are Baptised or live in Greenlands, Woodrow or Wire Hill and would like to be included on the Electoral Roll please see Dawn today.

Elections

Following last year's AGM, it was agreed from this year, all DCC representative rolls are up for election to the council. Ann Donovan as Warden, has informed the church she will not be standing for re-election.

Please spend some time praying about the right people to fill these roles and see Dawn, Ann or Sharon for a nomination form.

There are 3 layers to Church Governance, local (DCC) Parish (PCC) and wider area Deanery Synod, DCC meets monthly, PCC and Synod quarterly (approximately), if you are interested in seeking election to one or other of these bodies please speak with Garth, Ann or Sharon in the first instance.