



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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Sunday, 23 April 2017

Dear All

When Peter looked into the tomb on the day of Resurrection, we are told he saw the empty grave clothes of Jesus lying there as well as the cloth (Napkin) that had been wrapped around His head. Curiously, John (20:7) makes a point to tell us, "The cloth (napkin) was still lying in its place, separate from the linen." This is a bit of the writing that intrigues many.

The purpose of the napkin was to hide the face of the deceased so that we would not look on the ugliness left behind by death. A dirty napkin would simply be cast aside, but when a napkin has been washed it is neatly folded and put away. Sin pollutes and death is the wages of sin, the ultimate pollution of God's handiwork.

Jesus had shouted in victory on the cross, "It is finished," and now that the resurrection completes the work. Truly it is finished, and so we rejoice as we receive this gift.

Blessings,

Canon Garth Nathaniel

The Word Christian Bookshop

Based within St Stephen's, the Christian Word Shop is your local Christian resource centre. Situated right in the town centre of Redditch they stock a wide range of Bibles, books, greetings cards and gifts to suit all tastes, pockets and occasions!

Open Monday - Saturday, 9.30am - 4.30pm.

What do they stock?

- Bibles and Bible Cases
- Greeting Cards including Birth, Dedication, Christening, Baptism cards etc.
- Sunday School Material
- Children's Items Including Pop-up books and Children's Bibles
- Music including major and some of the less well known modern Christian bands.
- Christian Books including Bible studies and Alpha books and materials.
- Giftware including silk scarves, crosses and crucifix's etc!
- Daily Bible Readings such as Every Day With Jesus, Light and New Daylight.

The Shop is an independent not-for-profit organisation. If you are interested in supporting the shop or volunteering please contact us.

Tearfund East Africa crisis Appeal

We have received £85.75 including Gift Aid for East Africa crisis appeal. We are to match this from our Overseas Mission Fund, and send £171.50 at this time.

Fladbury Close, Woodrow 16th May 4pm

Please put the date in the diary, we will be working with the Scouts to help the residents with odd jobs as well as putting on refreshments. If you're not up to painting or gardening, do come and sit and chat with the residents.

Services

Easter 2

10:30am Morning Worship, Holy Communion and Healing Prayer with Rev. Garth Nathaniel and Vicki Quarton. *Acts 2:14a,22-32* and *John 20:19-31*. 'Trust the story'

6:30pm Evening Worship with Mike Palfreyman.

Next Sunday - Easter 3

10:30am Morning Worship with Rosie Humphrey *Acts 2:14a,36-41* and *Luke 24.13-35* 'On the Way'

6:30pm Evening Worship with Maureen Hughes

Worcester Cathedral

An exhibition is on display daily between 4th-27th April 2017 9am - 4:30pm in the Dean's Chapel of the Cathedral.

Sara Hayward, a Worcester-based artist, has created a dramatic exhibition depicting Christ's final hours before his death.

The exhibition of fifteen colourful oil paintings, and boxes containing contemporary artefacts to aid reflection for visitors, creates a poignant sequence about Good Friday.

Help wanted

Are you welcoming and would like to help the Sunday services run smoothly. Can you help on a 1st or 3rd Sunday or stand in when others take holidays?

Can you arrive earlier on a Sunday, in time to fill the urn, put cups out and/or load the dishwasher for us to enjoy refreshments after the morning service?

If you are interested in any either of these roles, which are open to younger members of the congregation too, please speak with Sharon.

Diary dates

Thursday 9:30am Holy Communion - St. John's followed by coffee morning.

Thursday 27th April 7:30pm Parish AGM - St. John's.

Tuesday 16th May 4pm Fladbury Close gardening.

14th - 20th May Christian Aid Week

Saturday 27th May 10-12noon Messy Church - Woodrow community rooms.

Saturday 17th June Fun Day - St. John's.

Please pray for:

- ❖ Garth and Jenny, Richard and Wendy, Ian and Judy.
- ❖ *Licensed Lay Ministers* – Maureen, Rosie and Vicki.
- ❖ *Wardens* – Barry Humphrey and Sharon Forrest.
- ❖ *New DCC* – Julie Thompson, Annette Humphrey, David Jones, Caroline Westwood and Dawn Wilson.
- ❖ Ann Ball and family.
- ❖ Upcoming Parish AGM.
- ❖ Those studying for exams.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ General election 8th June.
- ❖ Parish Prayers: Dinedor Close, Winyates; Dursley Close, Winyates Green; Bartleet Road, Matchborough; Greenlands Drive, Greenlands; Lindridge Close, Matchborough;

Please keep praying for:

Ann Ball

Nancy Borthwick

Jane Smith

Sylvia Czink

Peggy Snellgrove

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