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Dear All

Today churches throughout the Church of England are celebrating all that godparents contribute to the amazing journey of faith. It is a great opportunity to come along with godparents with all those in the congregation who are godparents or godchildren to pray for one another.

In recent research conducted by the Archbishops' Council one of the biggest findings was that godparents really, really matter to families. In fact, 91% of parents gave having godparents as a reason for wanting to have their child baptized at a christening. Godparents are part of family life for all the years ahead, a relationship that will last into adulthood and beyond.

So today Godparents Sunday is a time to celebrate and pray for this special relationship and is a great opportunity to share with families and ask for God's blessing on godparents and godchildren everywhere. To be asked to be a godparent is a tremendous privilege. And an immense responsibility, both of which I share with all godparents everywhere.

In the name of the one who sponsors us into the kingdom,

Canon Garth Nathaniel



Unity Banners

At the Parish AGM on Thursday it was suggested that three banners were made one to be displayed in each of the churches, showing all three churches within the parish. It would be really good to involve members from St. John's, Christ Church and St. Peter's in the banner making, which it is planned will take place as part of the Craft group at St. Peters on a Monday afternoon.

Further details from Judy Bainbridge - judybainbridge46@hotmail.co.uk or have a word with Rosie if you would like to know more.

Join the Faith Walk at Abbey Ruins

Everyone is invited to join Redditch's annual Faith Walk which takes place on Sunday, May 21, 2017. Organised by Redditch Faiths Together, it's a chance to promote greater mutual respect and co-operation between faith communities and all people of faith or none. This year the event will mark the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation in Europe with a panel discussion entitled 'Finding Unity in Diversity'. Chaired by the Reverend Paul Lawlor, panellists will be drawn from the Hindu, Sikh, Catholic and Muslim faiths who will talk about events over the last 500 years. Questions will also be welcome from the audience. Walkers are invited to gather at the ruins of Bordesley Abbey (B98 8HY) the first known place of worship in Redditch (parking available at the Abbey Stadium) before, at 3pm setting off for the town centre for refreshments at St Stephen's Church where the discussion will take place.

"The first two years walks have been great successes, the walks are a great event we learn about each other and it's a chance to celebrate our diversity and learn more about each other, I would encourage residents to attend some or all of the day at the abbey on the walk or just at the church for the panel discussion," said Bill Hartnett. All ages are welcome and more details are available on 07946 655450.

Community Outreach

There is a meeting about community outreach on Wednesday 3rd May at 7pm, to make plans for Fladbury Close and the Fun Day.

All welcome

Cheers

Rosie & Lynda

Services

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

Next Sunday - Easter 4

10:30am Worship for Everyone with the Quarton's *Acts 2:42-47* and *1 Peter 2:19-25* 'Giving, not taking'

6:30pm Holy Communion with Rev. Richard Harding

Key Holders

It is a requirement for the insurance that we have an up to date list of key holders. Could you please let Barry know if you have a church key ASAP so that the list can be completed.

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.

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.

Elected members of PCC

Following the parish AGM on 27th April, these people have been elected on to the PCC: Barry Humphrey, Sharon Forrest, Annette Humphrey, Jane Smith & Amanda Worley.

Diary dates

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

Tuesday 9th May 7:30pm DCC Meeting - St. John's.

Tuesday 16th May 4pm Gardening - Fladbury Close, Woodrow.

14th - 20th May Christian Aid Week

Saturday 27th May 10-12 noon 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 PCC* – Barry Humphrey, Sharon Forrest, Annette Humphrey, Jane Smith & Amanda Worley.
- ❖ 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: Dinmore Close, Winyates; Far Moor Lane, Winyates Green; Binton Close, Matchborough; Tredington Close, Woodrow; Maxstoke Close, Matchborough

Please keep praying for:

Ann Ball & family

Nancy Borthwick

Jane Smith

Sylvia Czink

Peggy Snellgrove

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