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Sunday, 18 June 2017

Welcome to St. John's Church
A special welcome to all visitors.

Dear All,

During the recent 10 days of prayer someone had written at the "barriers" prayer station "*angry with God.*" Every time there is a tragedy that strikes, someone will ask the question "why did God allow this to happen?"

There is nobody on earth who has not suffered, to some extent; and it is God who created the planet, and God who sustains it. But sin has entered the world, and it is filled to overflowing with suffering, injustice and evil. In addition to larger world situations, we have all been hurt to varying degrees – whether through being personally mistreated, taken advantage of, deceived, having endured suffering through illness, losing a job, losing a loved one prematurely, being falsely accused.

We have a choice. We need to forgive God, not harbour resentment and unforgiveness. This is a choice which leads to peace.

Next week we'll look at "Why Forgive God?"

Praying for you,

Canon Garth Nathaniel



Foodbank

Please help local people in crisis by buying items from the 'low stock' list below and giving them to the foodbank's collection points at Tesco Oakenshaw or to our distribution centres during open hours. We will keep you updated of any changes in stock levels.

'Low Stock' List

- UHT Milk
- Fruit juice (long life carton)
- Jam
- Tinned fruit & veg
- Instant mash
- Rice pudding
- Sponge puddings
- Tinned meats

Christian Aid week

Thank you to all involved in collecting or donating to Christian Aid, the amount collected was around £800. Thank you to Vicki and Rob for their oversight and administration.

Fladbury Close

We have received a card from a resident of Fladbury Close expressing their thanks for the work undertaken recently, it is on the notice board in the foyer. It was a very pleasant evening, with residents joining us for refreshments and conversation.

Summer socials

It would be lovely to get together over the summer, if you have any ideas of where to go and what to do, it may something happening already that we could join in with, or if you would like to host something, please see Sharon.

Funday

A huge thank you to everyone who turned out on such a sweltering hot day for our Fun Day. Thanks to all bunting hangers, cake makers, tea pourers, crafty people, The Ministry of Fun, BBQ-ers, book sellers, perveyors of White Elephant, and the Bouncy Castle Bouncer. It was a great opportunity to chat with visitors.

Services

Proper 6

10:30am Morning Worship with Vicki Quarton *Exodus 19:2-8a* and *Matthew 9:35 - 10:8(9-23)* 'Sheep among wolves'

6:30pm Evening Worship with Richard Harding *Luke 4:14-30*
'The Gospel Manifesto'

Next Sunday - Proper 7

10:30am Holy Communion with Garth Nathaniel *Jeremiah 20:7-13* and *Matt. 10:24-39* 'Do not fear'

6:30pm Evening Worship with Rosemary Humphrey

Local Mission Sunday

On Sunday 16th July we shall be welcoming Rev. Doug Chaplain as our visiting speaker to our morning service. In addition to being Director of Reader Training Doug works for the Diocese as Mission Development Officer.

His two main areas of work are:

1. Encouraging and helping parishes to see how they can best grow, develop and make the most of their resources.
2. Enabling the church at all levels to engage with the key community and social needs of the day, and develop supportive partnerships with other organisations of all faiths and none, especially those who are seeking to promote the same values we are of love, kindness, justice and compassion.

Do try and join us and learn more about how we can apply this to our work on Greenlands, Woodrow and Wirehill.

Thanks

Thank you to Rosie and Lynda for managing the funday yesterday.

Diary dates

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

Wednesday 21st June 7:30 - 9:30pm Pilgrim Course in the Huband room, St. Peter's

Saturday 24th June 10 - 12 noon Messy Church - Woodrow community rooms.

Saturday 24th June 2 - 5pm Fun Day - St. Peter's.

Tuesday 4th July 7:30pm DCC Meeting - 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.
- ❖ Those suffering with ill health.
- ❖ For the Jo Cox celebrations in memory of the MP held this weekend
- ❖ 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 in this Bible group in school.
- ❖ Planning for the summer & summer socials.
- ❖ Charities reaching out to the lost, lonely and hungry including the monthly outreach in the Ecumenical Centre and Church Urban Fund.
- ❖ All people involved and affected by the Grenfell Fire in North Kensington.
- ❖ Parish Prayers: Goodrich Close, Winyates; Jays Close, Winyates Green; Clifton Close, Matchborough; Patch Lane, Oakenshaw; Sherbourne Close, Matchborough;

Please keep praying for:

Ann Ball & family
Sylvia Czink

Nancy Borthwick
Peggy Snellgrove

Jane Smith

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