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Sunday, 25 June 2017

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

Dear All,

Last week while speaking of tragedy and suffering I mentioned the need for us to make the choice to forgive God. Today I want to address the question "Why Forgive God?"

We do not forgive God, because He is guilty of doing anything wrong. He has nothing to answer for. When then do I say we need to forgive God?

The first reason is because of what it will do for us. The step of not holding God responsible, aka forgiving Him, brings an inner freedom and release that we never dreamed was possible. As we are called to forgive those on earth we are to do the same towards God in heaven, who allows bad things to happen to us.

When we don't forgive God, this will most certainly have a negative effect on our relationship with Him and with other people. Bitterness will be the consequence of unforgiveness. Our prayer life will begin to suffer as will our walk with God.

Forgiving God means setting Him free to work in us, and affirming Him and His sovereignty – even though He let some bad and horrible things happen to us. If we do this, our life will be changed, and we will never be the same again.

Next week, we look at the second reason to forgive God.

Blessings,

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

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.

St. Nicholas Park - Warwick

Our first Summer social will take place with a Church Family gathering after the morning service next Sunday 2nd July at St Nicholas Park in Warwick CV34 4QY. This has always been a lovely occasion enjoyed by all ages, the park was once a meadow, play areas were added after the 2nd world war and added to over the years, with a cafe and toilets on site. There is plenty to do at the park and on Sunday they often have a very good brass band playing. Bring a chair, rug, picnic and for those who want to go in the outdoor paddling pool a swimming costume and towel. If you would like a lift please see Sharon or call on 01527 541492.

Services

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

Next Sunday - Proper 8

10:30am Worship for Everyone service with Rosemary Humphrey
Jeremiah 28:5-9 and *Romans 6:12-23* 'A cup of cold water'

6:30pm Evening Worship with Richard Harding

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.

Diary dates

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

Wednesday 28th June 7:30 - 9:30pm Pilgrim Course in the Huband room, St. Peter's

Saturday 1st July DCC Morning - St. John's

Sunday 2nd July Church outing to St. Nicholas Park, Warwick

Tuesday 4th July 7:30pm DCC Meeting - St. John's

Saturday 22nd July 10 - 12 noon Messy Church - Woodrow community rooms.

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.
- ❖ 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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