Diary dates

Thursday 9:30am Holy Communion - St. John's, followed by coffee morning.
Wednesday 19th July 7:30 - 9:30pm Pilgrim Course in the Huband room, St. Peter's - Final one.
Saturday 22nd July 10 - 12 noon Messy Church - Woodrow community rooms.
Monday 24th July 1pm Card making at Lynda's house.
Sunday 10th Sept Presentation of ALM certificate to Mike Palfreyman at Worcester Cathedral.

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.
- For the Alexandra Hospital– staff, patients & chaplaincy team especially in view of the poor report from the Health Commissioner, and the Clinical Commissioning Groups vote to reorganise services at the Alex, Kidderminster and Worcestershire Royal Hospitals;
- Those suffering with ill health.
- The Kigezi Water and Sanitation project we are supporting.
- 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: Ashton Close, Woodrow; Ryton Close, Matchborough; Middleton Close, Winyates; Throckmorton Road, Greenlands; Newent Close, Winyates Green;

Please keep praying for:

Ann Ball & family	Nancy Borthwick	Jane Smith
Sylvia Czink	Peggy Snellgrove	

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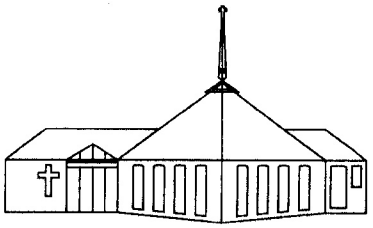

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Sunday, 16 July 2017

Dear All,

Forgiving God, means not holding things again Him, but letting them go. Today we ask, "How Can I Forgive God?"
Begin by being honest with God. Tell Him what you have in your heart against Him. He wants us to tell Him what we are really feeling. As we tell Him what offends and angers us so to tell Him the things you are truly thankful for. This puts things into perspective.
Resist the temptation to feel self-pity and a feeling of entitlement, (it is my right!). It gets us nowhere and only fuels bitterness – which in turn harms us both physically and emotionally. We must make a choice to believe that God has a purpose in what he has permitted – even when we can't perceive it - and thank Him for it. This is the faith that pleases God. We will never be sorry. Be patient and willing to wait for things to become clear to you and for His will to be done.
God is not angry with us for being upset with him. Jesus is touched by our weaknesses; he feels what we feel and has never forgotten what it was like to live on Earth. Jesus did not embarrass Mary and Martha for blaming him for not healing their brother. God knows us and remembers that we are dust (Psalm 103:14). We must also fight against telling others how angry we are with God, although we might tell one other person (such as our rector) who can assure us of His forgiveness. Study the Bible and choose to believe that the Holy Spirit will lead you into all truth (John 16:13). Letting go of the resentment, humbly ask God to show you the next step forward. He will.
Final Instalment next week: How do I know I have forgiven God?

Blessings,
Canon Garth Nathaniel

Getting together over the summer

Below you will find a list of enjoyable things for us to do together during the weeks ahead. For some who have timetables set by school and work, the summer is a time when things slow down a little and we find ourselves a little more free. For those with other caring responsibilities it may not be so easy, but we hope there may be an opportunity for people to get out for a while and meet up. If you have an idea of something we can join in with or organise ourselves, would like to come and need a lift, or you can't get out but would like to host (with help) people to come to you, please let Sharon know.

Canal Walk

Join Ann and Maureen for a canal walk 6pm Wednesday 16th August and after at the Navigation Pub Wootton Wawen, for an optional bar meal, or if the walk isn't possibly, why not join us for the meal. Sign up on the sheet on the table in the foyer.

St Nicholas Park -Warwick

Warwick Park- fun after the morning service on 20th August, bring something to sit on, a picnic and money for an ice cream, pitch and put or children's fair and change for the car park.www.stnicholaspark.co.uk/parking.php St Nicholas, Banbury Road, Warwick satnav CV34 4QY

Bored? Come and play some fun board games

Indoor games and nibbles 7.30-9pm Wednesday 30th August at Ann's house, board games available.

Look Local

Walk to Arrow Valley Park– meet up at St Johns car park for a guided walk to Arrow Valley, bring a picnic and change for a drink or ice cream from the café (date to be confirmed).

Worcestershire Wellbeing Hub

Worcestershire Health and Care NHS have teamed up with charity Community First Herefordshire and Worcestershire to provide a local link to wellbeing support in Worcestershire. People over the age of 16 who are experiencing low mood, anxiety or stress and feel that they would benefit from support from local community providers can call 01905 766124 email whcnhs@nhs.net or access the directory online at www.hacw.nhs.uk/wellbeinghub

Services

Proper 10

10:30am Morning Worship with Rosemary Humphrey & Doug Chaplin *Isaiah 55: 10-13* and *Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23* 'Sown in your heart'

6:30pm Evening Worship with Richard Harding *Matthew 17:1-9* 'The heart of worship'

Next Sunday - Proper 11

10:30am Worship for Everyone with Holy Communion led by Garth Nathaniel *Genesis 37:1-4* 'A Hero Rises'

6:30pm No evening Service

Lectionary Readings

Week beginning 17th July - 23rd July

Mon Ex 14.5–18; Ps 136.1–4, 10–15 or Canticle: Ex 15.1–6; Mt 12.38–42
Tues Ex 14.21–15.1; Ps 105.37–44 or Canticle: Ex 15.8–10, 12, 17; Mt 12.46–end
Wed Ex 16.1–5, 9–15; Ps 78.17–31; Mt 13.1–9
Thurs Ex 19.1–2, 9–11, 16–20; Canticle: Bless the Ld; Mt 13.10–17
Fri Ex 20.1–17; Ps 19.7–11; Mt 13.18–23
Sat Ex 24.3–8; Ps 50.1–6, 14–15; Mt 13.24–30

Collect for the week:

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Also remember members of St Johns prayer Healing Ministry team are available most Sunday mornings and a prayer chain is available everyday, to pray in confidence for you or someone you know. Call Ann Donovan in the first instance on 01527 527789.

Card Making

You are invited to card making at Lynda's on Monday 24th July 1pm, please see Lynda if you would like to go thank you.