

### **Diary dates**

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

**Wednesday 12th July 7:30 - 9:30pm** Pilgrim Course in the Huband room, St. Peter's

**Thursday 13th July 7pm** PACT meeting at Woodrow Library.

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

**Monday 24th July 1pm** Card making at Lynda's house.

### **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.
- ❖ Terry, his brother Matthew and their friend Simon as they do their sponsored bike ride around the Welsh coast this week.
- ❖ 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: Chadwick Mews, Woodrow; Ryton Close, Matchborough; Linton Close, Winyates; Milcote Close, Greenlands; Cheswick Close, Winyates Green;

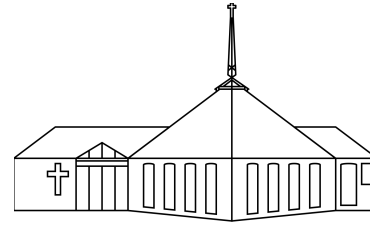
### **Please keep praying for:**

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

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**Sunday, 9 July 2017**

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

Dear All,

Carrying on the series of thoughts on "Forgiving God." The third reason, we should totally forgive God because of how we will feel on that final day when God clears His name. God the Father is the most maligned person in the universe He made. What He does and doesn't do at times makes no sense at all. But when He vindicates himself, He will do it perfectly, before all people who ever lived. Before the angels. Before the devil and all the evil powers. If someone has not forgiven God, their lives are often filled with self-righteousness and a feeling of entitlement – that God owes us an answer for the evil things He allows. It would be very foolish to blame God for the problem of evil, simply because God allows suffering. Like Job we could be crying out to know the reason why, choosing to blame God for our misfortune and calamity and demanding an answer. God promises to clear His name, *but in His own time*. In the meantime we make a choice: to vindicate God now and live by faith; or foolishly live a life of self-pity and confusion. God not explaining himself is our opportunity to trust him to be faithful and just in what he does.

Next week: "How can I forgive God?"

Blessings,

Canon Garth Nathaniel



### **Summer Socials**

Below you will find a list of enjoyable things for us to do together during the weeks ahead, please use the sign up sheet in the foyer to let us know you will be coming along and whether you need or can offer a lift. More will be added, if you have an idea of something we can join in with or organise ourselves please let Sharon know.

Join Ann and Maureen for a canal walk 6pm Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August and after at the Navigation Pub Wootton Wawen, for an optional bar meal.

Indoor games 7.30-9pm Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August at Ann's, join in or bring your favourite board game.

Walk to Arrow Valley Park– further details from Amanda next week

### **A notice please**

The DCC are pleased to let you know a cheque of £500 has gone from St Johns to the Tearfund Kigezi water project

### **Pact Meeting**

Thursday 13th July @7.00pm at Woodrow Library. All are welcome come and have your voice heard and chat to local councillors and police.

### **Lectionary Readings**

Week beginning 10th July - 16th July

Mon Ex 1.8–14, 22; Ps 124; Mt 10.34–11.1

Tues Ex 2.1–15; Ps 69.1–2, 31–end; Mt 11.20–24

Wed Ex 3.1–6, 9–12; Ps 103.1–7; Mt 11.25–27

Thurs Ex 3.13–20; Ps 105.1–2, 23; Mt 11.28–end

Fri Ex 11.10–12.14; Ps 116.10–end; Mt 12.1–8

Sat Ex 12.37–42; Ps 136.1–4, 10–15; Mt 12.14–21

### **Collect for the week:**

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in Him, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Services**

#### **Proper 9**

10:30am Morning Worship with Garth Nathaniel *Zechariah 9: 9-12* and *Romans 7:15-25a* 'A glutton and a drunkard'

6:30pm Evening Worship with Rosemary Humphrey *Psalms 107* 'Sea Sunday'

#### **Next Sunday - Proper 10**

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

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.

### **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