

### **Parish service**

There will be a Parish service where all 3 congregations come together to worship on Sunday 19th November at Christ Church, there will also be a lovely meal after the service.

### **Diary dates**

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

**Sat 23rd Sept 10 - 12pm** Messy Church - Woodrow Community Centre

**Sunday 24th Sept 10:30am** Harvest Service followed by Harvest Lunch

**Monday 25th Sept 1 - 3pm** 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.
- ❖ Worcestershire Acute Hospitals Trust as they put plans for re-organisation in place.
- ❖ Garth and Jenny as they wait on news for Garth's operation.
- ❖ The Kigezi Water and Sanitation project we are supporting.
- ❖ The appointment of a Community Missioner for Christ Church.
- ❖ Those suffering with ill health.
- ❖ Parish Prayers: : Newland Close, Woodrow; Ilmington Close, Matchborough; Atcham Close, Winyates; Harris Close, Greenlands; Illshaw Close, Winyates Green;

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

Ann Ball & family                      Nancy Borthwick  
Sylvia Czink                                Peggy Snellgrove

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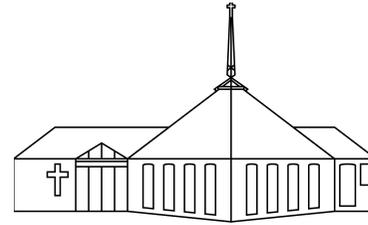
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## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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**Sunday, 17 September 2017**

A special service to celebrate lay ministry was held at Worcester Cathedral last Sunday. The service was the climax for over 40 people who have completed a year-long course to be Authorised Lay Ministers (ALMs) and who will work as part of the ministry teams in parishes, supporting their Vicars and Licensed Lay Ministers. Mike Palfreyman representing the Ipsley Parish from St Johns was one of the 40.

Authorised Lay Ministers work as volunteers in their parishes as pastoral workers, community workers, in helping to lead acts of worship, in sharing their faith with others, as children's and youth workers or as parish administrators. Each person completes a number of training sessions in their specialist area over the course of a year and there is some training for all ALMs.

Bishop John said: "The emergence of this ministry is one of the most exciting things that has happened during my nearly ten years as Bishop of Worcester. As a result of the authorisation of over 300 ALMs over several years, there are now more people offering authorised ministry in the Diocese than ever before. That is a cause for great celebration."

The Revd Doug Chaplin, Mission Development Officer in the Diocese was the preacher at the service. He encouraged all those present to think of themselves as 'God's gift'. He said: "The gifts God gives are for everyone who He calls into his Church. We should all help to serve and build up the ministry of others, sharing our faith and helping ourselves and others to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus."

### **Harvest next Sunday**

Please bring donations of tinned goods for the food bank  
Any donations of fresh fruit and veg will be given to folks in need, or folks will be invited to give a donation  
Cash collection - to those whose harvest has been destroyed.  
Bring and share harvest lunch in the hall after morning service

### **Personal Discovery**

Your Church council are delighted to announce a time of personal reflection and encouragement. 'Discover your spiritual gifts, personal style and God given passions'. This once a week teaching by Revd. Richard Harding from 5th October to 23rd November at St John's will be a great blessing.

### **Parish Banner**

The Parish Council have heard from and are in support of a banner being created by the craft group who meet on a Monday in the Huband Room at St Peters. The banner will incorporate symbols representing the 3 churches of St Johns, St Peters and Christ Church, there will be one banner for each church. If you have an eye for design and would like to get involved in this project please speak with Barry, Sharon or Garth.

Do you enjoy embroidery? Are you available Monday afternoons 2-4pm? Would you like to join with others in producing banners for the 3 churches of St John's, St Peter's and Christ Church? If so please see Sharon, Barry or Garth.

### **Church Cleaning**

If you would like to volunteer help with cleaning see Barry or Sharon.

### **Card Making**

Lynda's card making restarts on Monday 25th Sept 1 - 3pm, at Lynda's house (33 Atherstone Close). Cost £3 to cover refreshments & materials. Please see Lynda if you would like to go, thank you.

### **Mike Palfreyman**

Is from Ipsley Parish and completed the course to become a worship leader. He said: "It was a very bible-based, spiritual course where we had the freedom to express our own opinions. I was very impressed and it has helped me to understand how church services are conducted."

Next Sunday Garth will be authorising Mike during the morning service, so please do come along and show your support.

### **Services**

#### **Proper 18**

10:30am Morning Worship with Rosie Humphrey  
*Genesis 50:15-21 and Matthew 18:21-35*  
'Am I in the place of God?'

6:30pm Evening Worship with Richard Harding  
*Luke 9:10-17* - 'The feeding of the 5,000'

#### **Next Sunday - Harvest & Authorisation**

10:30am Holy Communion with Garth Nathaniel & Mike Palfreyman  
*Jonah 3:10 - 4:11 and Matthew 20:1-16*  
'Are you right to be angry?'

6:30pm Evening Worship with Sharon Forrest & Ann Donovan

### **Lectionary Readings**

Week beginning 18th Sept - 24th Sept

Mon Ezra 1.1-6; Ps 126; Lk 8.16-18

Tues Ezra 6.7-8, 12, 14-20; Ps 124; Lk 8.19-21

Wed Ezra 9.5-9; Canticle: Song of Tobit or Ps 103.1-6; Lk 9.1-6

Thurs Haggai 1.1-8; Ps 149.1-5; Lk 9.7-9

Fri Haggai 1.15b-2.9; Ps 43; Lk 9.18-22

Sat Zech 2.1-5, 10-11; Ps 125 or Canticle: Jer 31.10-13; Lk 9.43b-45

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

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours 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 (for prayer chain) in the first instance on 01527 527789.**