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Sunday, 10 September 2017

Dear All,

Abraham and Peter. These are two people you would not mention in the same breath. They are so vastly different. Abraham from the old covenant and Peter from the new covenant. Yet there are some striking similarities between them.

Abraham a man of exemplary faith, from whom God launches a new nation. Peter, also a man who demonstrates an incredible faith, on whom Jesus promises to build His church. Isaiah mentions Abraham and Sarah as “the *ROCK* from which God’s people were hewn or carved.” Is 51.1-2;

Abraham who had his name changed by God from Abram, and Peter who had his name changed by Jesus from Simon. As Abraham was the Patriarch of the Jewish peoples, so Peter is the patriarch of the Church – the community that grew out of Judaism. Jesus handed Peter, “The keys of the kingdom” and authority to teach and feed His sheep.

This same Peter who declared Jesus the “Messiah, the Son of the living God,” also testifies “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” 1Pet 2.24 and reminds us that we are “a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light..”

Blessings,

Canon Garth Nathaniel



ALM Celebration and News

This evening sees Bishop John celebrate the gifts of more than 40 new Authorised Lay Ministers in Worcester cathedral. All are welcome to this service at 6.30pm. Each ALM will then be authorised in their parish over the following weeks by their own vicar.

This September also sees the beginning of the discernment and selection process for the next round of ALM training starting in Autumn 2018. There are two introductory evenings for anyone interested in exploring Authorised Lay Ministry:

- Tuesday 10 October, 7.30pm – The Great Hall of the Old Palace
- Wednesday 18 October, 7.30pm – St John's Church Hall, Bromsgrove

Email training@cofe-worcester.org.uk to book a place or make enquiries.

Mike Palfreyman

Congratulations to Mike Palfreyman who has attended and will be graduating from a Diocese Worship Leaders course this evening at Worcester Cathedral. There will be no service at St John's this evening.

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.

Services

Proper 18

10:30am Morning Worship led by Garth Nathaniel
Ezekiel 33:7-11 and Matthew 18:15-20
'Living well together'

6:30pm No evening Service

Next Sunday - Proper 19

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

6:30pm Evening Worship with Ian Evans

Lectionary Readings

Week beginning 11th Sept - 17th Sept

Mon 1 Tim 2.1-8; Ps 28; Lk 7.1-10

Tues 1 Tim 3.1-13; Ps 101; Lk 7.11-17

Wed 1 Tim 3.14-end; Ps 111.1-5; Lk 7.31-35

Thurs 1 Tim 4.12-end; Ps 111.6-end; Lk 7.36-end

Fri 1 Tim 6.2b-12; Ps 49.1-9; Lk 8.1-3

Sat 1 Tim 6.13-16; Ps 100; Lk 8.4-15

Collect for the week:

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.

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.

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

Today 6:30pm Presentation of ALM certificate to Mike Palfreyman at Worcester Cathedral.

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.
- ❖ School teachers and pupils as they return after their break over the summer.
- ❖ 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: : Eckington Close, Woodrow; Ashorne Close, Matchborough; Blakemere Close, Winyates; Hadlow Close, Greenlands; Hollyberry Close, Winyates Green;

Please keep praying for:

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