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Sunday, 2 July 2017

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

Dear All,

Last week we looked at the first reason why we should forgive God, which was what it would do for us. Today we consider the second reason, which is forgive God because of what it will do for Him.

We choose to forgive God, because this will please Him beyond measure. God knows that when we hold things against Him in our hearts, our fellowship with Him is incomplete. We can never enjoy the freedom that comes from trusting and having confidence in God and His character. But God rejoices in the freedom this brings us. He rejoices in what it will mean for us, including an absence of the bitterness that has been so draining on our whole personality. And once we have done this, we will never look back. Take for example the older brother in the parable of the two sons.

Next week we look at the third reason why we need to forgive God now. Then in the weeks following we will look at "How to forgive God," and, "how do we know we have forgiven God?"

Blessings,

Canon Garth Nathaniel



Foodbank

Redditch Foodbank are seeking volunteers for a Sainsbury's food collection on Saturday 8th July between 14:30 – 16:30.

We are grateful for all of your help and support. If you are free to assist please let Sarah Barcham know on info@redditch.Foodbank.org.UK or call 07847618539.

Current low stock items are: UHT milk, sponge puddings, tinned meats, tinned fruit and veg, fruit juice, rice pudding, tinned cold meat, jam & instant mash.

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. Andrew's Church Community Café

They are looking for Christian volunteers to cook or wait on tables once a week. They especially would like people willing to train to work in the kitchen, no experience necessary. If you feel this is for you please ring John Hardy on 01527 450444 or 07977102347 or Ann Hardy on 07421370279.

Lectionary Readings

Week beginning 3rd July - 9th July

Mon Gen 28.10–end; Ps 91.1–10; Mt 9.18–26

Tues Gen 32.22–end; Ps 17.1–8; Mt 9.32–end

Wed Gen 41.55–end, 42.5–7, 17–end; Ps 33.1–4, 18–end; Mt 10.1–7

Thurs Gen 44.18–21, 23–29, 45.1–5; Ps 105.11–17; Mt 10.7–15

Fri Gen 46.1–7, 28–30; Ps 37.3–6, 27–28; Mt 10.16–23

Sat Gen 49.29–end, 50.15–25; Ps 105.1–7; Mt 10.24–33

Collect for the week:

God our Saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Services

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 *John 15:1-17*
'A God intoxicated heart'

Next Sunday - 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

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.

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

Wednesday 5th July 7:30 - 9:30pm Pilgrim Course in the Huband room, St. Peter's

Saturday 8th July 2:30 - 4:30pm Sainsbury's food collection.

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: Harpswell Close, Woodrow; Green Sward Lane, Matchborough; Linton Mews, Winyates; Lapworth Close, Greenlands; Far Moor Lane, Winyates Green;

Please keep praying for:

Ann Ball & family
Sylvia Czink

Nancy Borthwick
Peggy Snellgrove

Jane Smith

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