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It's Autumn, time of mists and mellow fruitfulness. Leaves are turning and look spectacular along the Redditch Highways. It's time to celebrate Harvest and to thank God for his provision.

Last week we held our Harvest lunch many attended and it was a good time of sharing, we thank God for all his provision and remember at this time those families in the world who will struggle to eat. Thank you if you made a monetary donation last week, there is still time this week or next if you would like to make a contribution. The money collected will go to a charity supporting people overseas to improve their crop yield so they have enough to eat and sell. Tearfund are one example of a charity helping the needy, 'Hunger is a thief. It robs people of their freedom, ruins their self-esteem and wrecks their dreams' But, there's one thing that hunger didn't count on: the church' say Tearfund.

The church can make a difference. Sadly hunger is not just a problem in Africa but also in the UK. Elizabeth Mitchell a member of sister church St Peters, trustee and vice chair of Acts Of Kindness charity in Redditch says ' it is encouraging that many churches and individuals support Redditch Foodbank. Thank you so much. People in need are referred and given food parcels to cope with an emergency, with signposting to other agencies (including debt and money matters) and the offer of prayer. Many clients have very difficult situations'.

Elizabeth continues 'This week, the Foodbank is moving its office to Winyates (The Link-formerly the pharmacy) and so will be more visible in the area, so look out for it.

'Hunger steals: the church gives 'is the Tearfund strapline and at the Foodbank we want to be part of the giving church as we follow Jesus' command to serve others and feed the hungry. '

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, and are available Monday afternoons 2-4pm & would you like to join others in producing banners for the St John's, St Peter's & Christ Church? If so please see Sharon, Barry or Garth.

Network Giftings course

If you haven't received your invitation to the Giftings course please pick it up today. We really hope you can join us as we use the materials drawn up by The Willow Creek Association. To help as many people as possible to attend, there are 3 times to choose from, we will meet on a Monday and Thursday evening and Tuesday morning. The format will be a talk and then turning to our books we will answer questions (there are no wrong answers) that will guide us to a greater understanding about ourselves, what interests us and what might help us to do more of what we enjoy. When you know which session you will be joining, please let us know and we can let you have the book; the course including refreshments is free, if you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the book, you are more than welcome to do so.

Church Cleaning

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

QuizAid for Christian Aid

St. Peter's are holding their annual quiz for Christian Aid, on Saturday 21 October from 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm. Entry is £2.00 per person. Refreshments are available. All are welcome. Please contact johnlegge@btconnect.com or phone 07903840105.

Churches Together

You are warmly invited to a special one-off Church service at St. Stephen's C of E Church (Town Centre) Redditch B97 4DY on Friday 13th October 2017 from 7.30pm -9pm. You will hear two renowned evangelists share their experience about the gospel in the most challenging parts of the world.

More information on the noticeboard.

Services

Proper 21

10:30am Worship for Everyone Service with Rob Quarton

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

‘The Church as the body of Christ - we are in this together’

6:30pm Evening Worship with Richard Harding

Daniel 9:1-19 ‘Prayer’

Next Sunday - Proper 22

10:30am Morning Worship with Garth Nathaniel & Vicki Quarton

1 Peter 2:1-12

‘The Church as a holy people - A call to holiness’

6:30pm Evening Worship with Peter McLaren

Lectionary Readings

Week beginning 2nd Oct - 8th Oct

Mon Jonah 1.1–2.2, 10; Canticle: Jonah 2.2–4, 7 or Ps 69.1–6; Lk 10.25–37

Tues Jonah 3; Ps 130; Luke 10.38–end

Wed Jonah 4; Ps 86.1–9; Lk 11.1–4

Thurs Mal 3.13–4.2a; Ps 1; Lk 11.5–13

Fri Joel 1.13–15, 2.1–2; Ps 9.1–7; Lk 11.15–26

Sat Joel 3.12–end; Ps 97.1, 8–end; Lk 11.27–28

Collect for the week:

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here: and pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord who is alive 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.

Diary dates

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

Friday 13th Oct 7:30 - 9:00pm Special Church service - St. Stephen's

Saturday 21st Oct 7:00 - 9:30pm QuizAid - St. Peter's Church

Sat 28th Oct 10 - 12pm Messy Church - Woodrow Community Centre

Sunday 19th Nov 10:30am Joint Parish service with lunch - Christ Church

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.
- ❖ CPAS: Their new initiative "Venture in Schools" which started in May as part of taking the gospel into schools, their work as a "Patronage Society" offering support enabling mission and training leaders;
- ❖ Parish Prayers: : Longdon Close, Woodrow; Eathorpe Close, Matchborough; Treville Close, Winyates; Hedgerow Close, Greenlands; Cornwell Close, Wirehill;

Please keep praying for:

- ❖ Ann Ball & family
- ❖ Nancy Borthwick
- ❖ Sylvia Czink
- ❖ Peggy Snellgrove

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