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You will be aware that the Rector, Garth will not be leading services for a little while as he recovers from his operation. Several Lay Ministers are also indisposed at present. But this does not mean that church ministry is put on hold. In the meantime people will step up to fill any gaps in the service rotas. But ministry is more than just a Sunday exercise.

All of us are ministers of the church of Jesus Christ and are empowered by gifts of the Spirit. Paul writes in Romans 12

'For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others'

We heard more on this Thursday during our course on Giftings here at St Johns, we looked at the Spiritual Gifts the Holy Spirit gives to believers, what they are and what they aren't and Richard Harding will be talking more about the Holy Spirit in his sermon this evening.

Dave Hargreaves Lay Reader in the Parish says:

'Every believer is called to assist in the advancement of God's kingdom in this world. When we humble ourselves before Him and make ourselves available to Him, He will surprise us in what He will do through us.

This world can never be adequately loved, evangelised, healed, and touched only by those who have theology degrees, are recognised clergy, or those who have been Christians for more years than they can count. However, when all Christians realise that they have nothing to offer except that which the Lord gives them, and they step out to minister with His equipping, then this world will be radically reached.

Pray that you will have opportunities to use your gifts to further the work of the kingdom day by day'

If you would like to join in with the Giftings Course please join us on Monday 7.30pm or Thursday 7.30pm here in church.

Repairs to the hall

Hirers and users of the hall are being advised it will be unavailable for use from Monday 30th October for up to 2 weeks, during which time the floor is having essential repairs. Some of the groups who usually use the hall have taken up the offer of using the church, so in order to accommodate them, you may see slight changes to the table and chair layout in the church. The Sunday morning service on 12th November will include the older children; a crèche will be put on for scramblers.

Garth

Garth has had his operation and is recovering well. He & Jenny thank you all for your prayers & support.

QuizAid for Christian Aid

Would you like to join a group of 6 for a quiz to raise funds for Christian Aid. The quiz is taking place on Saturday 21 October from 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm at St Peters. Entry is £2.00 per person. Refreshments are available. All are welcome. Please let Sharon know.

Parish Service and lunch

There will be a service 10.30am at Christ Church on 19th November for all 3 churches in the Parish and afterwards a lunch will be provided. The lunch, which is open to all and free will incorporate baked potatoes with choice of topping and salad along with a delicious pudding. In order for us to cater for those attending, there will be a sign up sheet available shortly. Please do think about coming along, we have been very blessed at past services by worshipping together. Children's groups will run on the day, with our own leaders involved too. If you would like a lift or have space in your car please speak with Sharon or if you know someone needs a lift speak with them directly to arrange.

Christmas Fayre

It's that time again for us to think about donating items for the chocolate and bottle tombola's for the Christmas Fayre, which takes place on Saturday 2nd December. All proceeds taken on the day are used for the local community, so please give generously. Also do put the date in the diary and come and join in.

Messy Church

Our next Messy Church on 28th October has the theme Jesus, the light of the world. One craft activity involves decorating glass jam jars but we would like the short jars often used for condiments which will fit into the shoe boxes!. If you have any empty mint sauce jars or similar please bring them in and leave on the desk in the foyer before 27th October.

Operation Christmas Child

Please collect a wrapped shoe box from the foyer and fill with warm gloves, hat etc and children's toys. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to show God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Since 1990, more than 146 million children in over 150 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child. People can also pick and pack a box online if that is easier.

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> Any queries please see Eileen.

Services

Proper 23

10:30am Morning Worship with Rosie Humphrey

Luke 4:14-30

‘The Church’s mission statement - an encouragement to outward thinking’

6:30pm Evening Worship with Richard Harding

Next Sunday - Proper 24

10:30am Holy Communion with Vicki Quarton & Richard Harding

Isaiah 45:1-7 & Matthew 22:15-22

‘The things that are God’s’

6:30pm Evening Worship with Richard Harding

Lectionary Readings

Week beginning 16th Oct - 22nd Oct

Mon Rom 4.20–end; Canticle: Benedictus 1–6; Lk 12.13–21

Tues Rom 5.12, 15, 17–end; Ps 40.7–12; Lk 12.35–38

Wed Rom 6.12–18; Ps 124; Lk 12.39–48

Thurs Rom 6.19–end; Ps 1; Lk 12.49–53

Fri Rom 7.18–end; Ps 119.33–40; Lk 12.54–end

Sat Rom 8.1–11; Ps 24.1–6; Lk 13.1–9

Collect for the week:

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.

Thurs (repeated following Monday) 7:30pm Giftings course - St. John's

Thurs 19th Oct - The discovery of gifts Thurs 2nd Nov - The Power of Love

Thurs 9th Nov - The Influence of Passion Thurs 16th Nov - The Promise of Ministry

Thurs 23rd Nov - What should I do?

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

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

Sat 4th Nov 10am Diocesan festival of health & healing - Worcester Cathedral

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.
- ❖ Garth and Jenny as Garth has his operation on 12th October.
- ❖ The Kigezi Water and Sanitation project we are supporting.
- ❖ The appointment of a Community Missioner for Christ Church (Graeme Russell).
- ❖ Those suffering with ill health.
- ❖ Parish Prayers: : Crophorne Close, Woodrow; Frankton Close, Matchborough; Upton Close, Winyates; Oakenshaw Road, Greenlands; Batsford Close, Wirehill;

Please keep praying for:

Nancy Borthwick

Sylvia Czink

Peggy Snellgrove

Vicki Quarton's parents who are ill.

Tony

It is now a year since Tony died and I have no idea how I have got through such an awful year. But sadly bereavement is nothing special - so many of us will go through it or have gone through it. It is part of life as well as death. I do not know if I have really felt the presence of God over the year, half of the time I have been incapable of feeling anything! But I do know that God has provided a couple of friends from church who have been walking the journey with me, supporting me and endlessly listening to my woes and I would like to express my thanks to them (they know who they are) and also those who have been praying for me and the family. I am taking myself off the prayer requests as my journey will go on for much longer whilst others will be in greater need now. But thank you St John's.

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