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Sunday, 8 October 2017

Dear All,

The day we had the day of prayer for myself and Chris Tilley, was a tough day. Spiritually it was a day of battle. Right from the morning I could just sense in my spirit the struggle going on in the heavenly places. I believe very firmly this was because Christians were praying through this day with a purpose and seeking God's will and healing for my life and for Chris' life. The enemy does not like this and will fight back, but glory to God, we always have the victory through Jesus. As much as the devil will try and grind us down under our pain, and fill us with despair, we have this hope that is eternal, and God leads us in triumphant procession over the forces of pain and evil.

During the powerful time of prayer, as Ian and the Church laid hands and prayed for me, I heard the question in my spirit, "are you waiting for the NHS or for the Lord?" And the reality is I was waiting not for the Lord. However as we turned our eyes on Jesus and I said, "Lord in your time," that great peace flowed into my spirit. I believe that on that day we won a great victory in the heavenly places.

I believe we have begun to learn an important lesson. The parish of Ipsley is being slowly flooded with a dark evil coming in like a storm far mightier than Irma. And we will overcome it with the blood of the Lamb, and with the word of the testimony of our mouths and we must not love our own lives even unto death if we are to see the victory. Keep on praying, hold onto the place God has given us. Keep doing battle in the heavenly places, and look we are more than conquerors.

I go in for surgery on the 12th October. Pray for a successful surgery and trouble free recovery.

In Christ,

Canon Garth



Health and prayer

Church goers across Worcestershire are being encouraged to pray for the health service on or around 18 October, St Luke's Day.

As well as being the author of over a quarter of the New Testament (Luke's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles), St Luke is believed to have been a Greek physician and as such is widely regarded as the patron saint of healthcare. The Health and Wellbeing group in the Diocese of Worcester has produced and distributed prayers and worship materials to all churches to enable parishes and individuals to pray for the NHS when the Saint's day is celebrated on 18 October.

Network Giftings course

If you haven't yet signed up to the course and would like to, please join us Monday or Thursday evening 7.30pm-9pm. The course will help you understand your personal styles and the gifts you have been given as followers of Jesus.

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.

Welcome

We welcome Graeme and Jackie Russell to the Ipsley Parish, Graeme takes up the role of Community Missioner under the guidance of Richard Harding, please keep Graeme and Jackie in your prayers as they move to Redditch from Wales.

Worcester Cathedral - Diocesan festival of health and healing

On Saturday 4 November, at 10am, Bishop John will offer reflections and lead a discussion on Christian Healing Ministry. At 2pm there will be a Healing Eucharist. The cost for the morning workshop is £5, payable on the day.

Services

Proper 22

10:30am Morning Worship with Garth Nathaniel

1 Peter 2:1-12

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

6:30pm Evening Worship with Rosie Humphrey & Peter McLaren

Psalms 23

Next Sunday - 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

Lectionary Readings

Week beginning 9th Oct - 15th Oct

Mon Rom 1.1–7; Ps 98; Lk 11.29–32

Tues Rom 1.16–25; Ps 19.1–4; Lk 11.37–41

Wed Rom 2.1–11; Ps 62.1–8; Lk 11.42–46

Thurs Rom 3.21–30; Ps 130; Lk 11.47–end

Fri Rom 4.1–8; Ps 32; Lk 12.1–7

Sat Rom 4.13, 16–18; Ps 105.6–10, 41–44; Lk 12.8–12

Collect for the week:

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 12th Oct - The purpose of gifts

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?

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

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: : Ombersley Close, Woodrow; Brinklow Close, Matchborough; Leysters Close, Winyates; Alder Carr Close, Greenlands; Nine Days Lane, Wirehill;

Please keep praying for:

Ann Ball & family

Nancy Borthwick

Sylvia Czink

Peggy Snellgrove

Vicki Quarton's parents who are ill.

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