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Sundays 17th & 24th December 2017

Jesus tells his followers to go and tell people about him (Matt 28:19) We have this great opportunity at Christmas to invite people into our churches. Almost every household in the UK will come into contact with some sort of Christmas festivity.

Christmas will be in people's minds and sometimes we need to be bold and invite people to the Christmas events our churches our hosting.

Next Sunday morning we have our service that involves the children and leaders, this is a service that is very much enjoyed by both those taking part and watching and we would encourage you to ask your neighbour, friend or family to join us. Refreshments will be served after the morning service and we will be finishing off those mince pies!

The Holy Communion service at 11.15pm next Sunday, is a time to invite those waiting to welcome in Christmas and finally we join together on Christmas Day at 10.30am when we can rejoice and sing, as we remember how our wonderful God, so loved the world, that he sent his one and only son Jesus as our saviour.

Happy Christmas to you, your family and all you pray for.

Blessings

St John's DCC

Sunday 17th evening

Ian Evans will be leading us in a time of Advent Reflection - 'Waiting in the darkness', do join us if you can.

Blue Christmas Service

A gentle service for those who find Christmas a difficult time will take place at St Peter's on Thursday 21st December at 4pm.

Please let anyone you know who would benefit from this type of service of the date, time and venue.

Foodbank Collection at TESCO

2,062.7Kg (2 tonnes) of food was collected over 3 days at TESCO. That was wonderful and ensures the Foodbank have stock going into 2018.

A big thank you to those who came to give out shopping lists, received donations and helped with transport. Thank you too if you donate food at church and for the special Christmas items for hampers, your ongoing support for those in need is much appreciated. Liz- St Peter's

Come on and Celebrate!

Tudor Grange Carol Service has been rearranged for Wed 3rd January

Refreshments from 6:30pm. Carols 7-8pm.

Please come and welcome Tudor Grange in their first visit to St John's and support this link with one of the schools within the area St John's church serves.

Radiate Redditch

Please pray for the people taking up the opportunity of shelter, hot food and friendship from Christmas Eve until 2nd January and for the volunteers giving of their time.

For more information speak with Ann

Faith at Work in Worcestershire

Faith at Work in Worcestershire will be providing refreshment to shop workers in the Kingfisher Centre w/c 18th December.

Please speak with Sharon if you would like to support the work of the work of the Chaplains in any way.

Services

Sunday 17th - Advent 3

10:30am Holy Communion with Ian Evans - 'What do you say about yourself?' *Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11 & John 1:6-8,19-28*

6:30pm Advent Reflection with Ian Evans 'Waiting in the darkness'

Sunday 24th - Advent 4

10:30am The Children will be leading us in their nativity service 'Letters Celebrate' with Rob and Vicki Quarton

11:15pm Midnight Communion with Ian Evans and Vicki Quarton

Christmas Day

10:30am Christmas Praise with Vicki Quarton and Ian Evans *Luke 2:1-14 (15-20) & Luke 2:22-40*

Sunday 31st

10:30am End of Year Celebrations with Rosemary Humphrey

Lectionary Readings

17th Dec Gen 49.2, 8–10; Ps 72.1–5, 18–19; Mt 1.1–17

18th Dec Jer 23.5–8, Ps 72.1–2, 12–13, 18–end; Mt 1.18–24

19th Dec Judg 13.2–7, 24–end; Ps 71.3–8; Lk 1.5–25

20th Dec Is 7.10–14; Ps 24.1–6; Lk 1.26–38

21st Dec Zeph 3.14–18; Ps 33.1–4, 11–12, 20–end; Lk 1.39–45

22nd Dec 1 Sam 1.24–end; Ps 113; Lk 1.46–56

23rd Dec Mal 3.1–4, 4.5–end; Ps 25.3–9; Lk 1.57–66

24th Dec 2 Sam 7.1–5, 8–11, 16; Ps 89.2, 19–27; Acts 13.16–26; Lk 1.67–79

29th Dec 1 Jn 2.3–11; Ps 96.1–4; Lk 2.22–35

30th Dec 1 Jn 2.12–17; Ps 96.7–10; Lk 2.36–40

31st Dec 1 Jn 2.18–21; Ps 96.1, 11–end; Jn 1.1–18

Diary dates

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

Fri 22nd & Sat 23rd Dec 6:30pm Carol Services at Worcester Cathedral (Free admission - arrive early to ensure a seat)

Wed 3rd Jan 6:30pm Tudor Grange Academy Carol Service - St. John's.
Refreshments from 6:30 with Carols from 7-8pm

Sat 13th Jan 10-12noon Messy Church at 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.
- ❖ Garth and Jenny as Garth recovers from his operation.
- ❖ The Kigezi Water and Sanitation project we are supporting.
- ❖ Graeme and Jackie Russell as he fulfils the role of Community Missioner in Christ Church.
- ❖ Paramedic and Ambulance staff over Christmas, in particular for the people they go and visit in the community, and the response they receive which often isn't welcoming.
- ❖ Outreach in the Town Centre over Christmas
- ❖ Parish Prayers: : Haseley Close, Matchborough; Far Moor Lane, Winyates; Fladbury Close, Woodrow; Costers Lane, Winyates; Harport Road, Greenlands;

Please keep praying for:

Nancy Borthwick Sylvia Czink Peggy Snellgrove Linda Beasley
The family of Isabel Stephens The family of Sylvia Laight
Vicki and Rob Quarton & family on the passing of Vicki's father.

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.

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