



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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In 2012 there were 190,000 charities in Britain. 11,000 of them help the NHS and Councils provide for sick and vulnerable people. Two such charities, The Primrose Hospice and The Foodbank in Kidderminster, recently had theft of lead from the roof of the Hospice and theft of foods and other items from the Foodbank. Volunteers and users of the service these charities assist were shocked that people could take from those most in need in our society.

Then came the good news, the light in the darkness - Yesterday a news update told of the unexpected and overwhelming response of the local community coming together to replace items and make repairs.

Denise Carson, foodbank trustee, said the response had been exceptionally heart-warming.

“Before Christmas we had received the highest level of donations for five years. There has been lots more generosity since, the response has been amazing”

Today in the Liturgical calendar we are invited to pray for Peace on Earth and we can be reminded of the prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Blessings

Sharon

We welcome David Ryan to St John's today, David is Healthcare Chaplain at the Alexandra Hospital.

Modern healthcare chaplains lead on 'spiritual care'. Spiritual care is concerned with care of the whole person and is interested in exploring and supporting the meaning and purpose each person finds in their life.

A chance to see the magnificent carpet of snowdrops.

February 10th (10am to 4pm) & February 11th (1pm to 4pm) at St Leonards Church Beoley

An annual event to visit this ancient 12c church and the carpet of snowdrops around the church grounds. The church is also open to visitors where on Saturday there will be displays relating to church organisations as well as community groups supported by the church. Refreshments available on both days with lunches available on Saturday. No charge for entry but donations welcomed

Adult Poetry Competition

As part of our annual snowdrop Weekend celebrations, St Leonards Church Beoley would like to invite all budding Poets to pen a poem in any style about the theme of spring, snowdrops or birds

Prizes will be given for the best entries and all poems will be displayed in the Church during the Snowdrop weekend.

Closing date is Wednesday 31st January

You can send entries via email to Zoe @ baggie1977@hotmail.com via text message to 07752266784 or snail mail to 86 Loxley Close, Church Hill Redditch B98 9JH

To all keyholders.

If you want to enter St Johns at a time that is not a regular slot, please check the St John calendar on the website. The DCC passed a resolution to allow the church building to be hired out to outside groups. This could be anytime that the building is not in use by the church. We do not want to disturb others using the building.

If you have any queries please ask me.

Barry, Churchwarden.

Services

Epiphany 2

10:30am Morning Worship with Rosemary Humphrey & David Ryan
'The tingle factor' *1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20) & John 1:43-51*

6:30pm Evening Worship with Mike Palfreyman.

Next Sunday - Epiphany 3

10:30am Morning Worship with Vicki Quarton *Jonah 3:1-5, 10* and *Mark 1:14-20* 'Time is fulfilled'

6:30pm Evening Worship with Richard Harding *Luke 2:22-40*
'God's Love'

Lectionary Readings

Mon Heb 1.1-6; Ps 97.1-2, 6-10; Mk 1.14-20

Tues Heb 2.5-12; Ps 8; Mk 1.21-28

Wed Heb 2.14-end; Ps 105.1-9; Mk 1.29-39

Thurs Heb 3.7-14; Ps 95.1, 8-end; Mk 1.40-end

Fri Heb 4.1-5, 11; Ps 78.3-8; Mk 2.1-12

Sat Heb 4.12-end; Ps 19.7-end; Mk 2.13-17

Collect for the week

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.

Wed 14th Feb 7:30pm Joint Ash Wednesday service - St. Peter's

Tues 17th April 7:30pm St. John's AGM - St. John's Church

Thurs 10th May 7:30pm Joint Ascension Day Service - St. Peter's

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.
- ❖ Alexandra Hospital: Staff, patients & chaplaincy team serving the community.
- ❖ Graeme and Jackie Russell as he fulfils the role of Community Missioner in Christ Church.
- ❖ Those recovering from surgery: Chris McLaren, Garth Nathaniel, Sam (Grandson of Erica Dilger)
- ❖ Chris Tilley who is ill
- ❖ Our Nation: For our MP Rachel Maclean & the Government involved in Brexit negotiations, for our security services working to keep us safe;
- ❖ DCC Meeting on Tuesday 9th Jan
- ❖ 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: : Garway Close, Matchborough; Flaxley Close, Winyates Green; Eastham Place, Woodrow; Hadlow Close, Greenlands; Linton Close, Winyates;

Please keep praying for:

Nancy Borthwick	Sylvia Czink	Peggy Snellgrove	Linda Beasley
The family of Isabel Stephens			
Ann Ball	Nancy Borthwick	Jane Smith	

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