



# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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**Sunday, 28 January 2018**

Dear all,

Listening to God is a large part of our Christian walk. For the most part this forms the second portion of our conversation with God. We share and He hears us, then He speaks and we listen to what He is saying to us. Our prayer life changes us as we hear God's voice and pay heed to it. What we do and say needs to be moulded and formed by the voice of God.

In Luke 2:22-40 we hear how both Simeon and Anna heard God's Spirit nudge them when Jesus is brought into the temple by His parents, and they then spoke out those wonderful words we read in the Gospel passage. The reason they recognised Jesus was because they had made a habit of listening to God in their everyday life.

We need to make a habit of listening to God. In ministry I find that it can become so easy to allow our devotional life to become mechanical and hence lifeless and I know this is as true for those not in ministry. However when we spend time with God and listen to His voice, these can be dynamic moments and our devotional life become vibrant and rich. It is out of this rich relationship that we are able to speak out in praise to God for His greatness. We are able to declare the wonders of God. It is out of knowing God in our devotional

life that we are able to speak out about Jesus. This is where our confidence lies and where we grow in our Christian walk.

With every blessing

Canon Garth Nathaniel

**IMPORTANT** - Please hand in your old church key to Barry who will issue you with a new one.

## **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 welcome.

## **Adult Poetry Competition**

As part of the 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

## **Spring Harvest 2018**

- Where? Butlins, Minehead
- When? April 8-12 2018 (Week 2)
- Why? An opportunity to worship God with many other Christians, enjoy great teaching and recharge the spiritual batteries!
- Cost? About £170- £250 per person (depending on a choice of apartment, chalet or room only)

Contact Amanda Worley if you're interested in joining her!

(Mobile 07505 354 149 or email amandaworley60@gmail.com)

## **Card Making**

This will be at Lynda's house tomorrow, 1 - 3pm. 33 Atherstone Close B98 0BD. Small charge of £3, refreshments included. Please let her know if you are coming.

## **Carousel**

I am booking seats for Carousel at The Palace Theatre on Wednesday March 14th at £16 a seat. If you would like me to book a place for you, please let me know ASAP. Many thanks. Rosie

## Services

### **Epiphany 4**

10:30am Holy Communion with Rose Humphrey & Garth Nathaniel  
*Deuteronomy 18:15-20, 10 and Mark 1:21-28*  
'Love builds up'

6:30pm Evening Worship with Peter McLaren

### **Next Sunday - Epiphany 5, 2nd Before Lent**

10:30am Worship for Everyone with Rose Humphrey  
*Isaiah 40:21-31 and Mark 1:29-39*  
'God at work'

6:30pm Holy Communion with Richard Harding

## Diary dates

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

**Mon 29th Jan 1 - 3pm** Card making at Lynda's house

**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

## Lectionary Readings

Mon Heb 9.15, 24-end; Ps 98.1-7; Mk 3.22-30

Tues Heb 10.1-10; Ps 40.1-4, 7-10; Mk 3.31-35

Wed Heb 10.11-18; Ps 110.1-4; Mk 4.1-20

Thurs Heb 10.19-25; Ps 24.1-6; Mk 4.21-25

Fri Heb 10.32-end; Ps 37.3-6, 40-end; Mk 4.26-34

Sat Heb 11.1-2, 8-19; Cantic: Lk 1.69-73; Mk 4.35-end

## Celebration

There will be a special service celebrating 10 years since Bishop John's enthronement as Bishop of Worcester on Wednesday 28 February (St Oswald's Day), 5.30pm in the Cathedral. It will be followed by a celebratory reception and all are welcome!

## **Collect for the week**

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Call Ann Donovan (for prayer chain) in the first instance on 01527 527789.**

## **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 as he returns to work..
- ❖ The Kigezi Water and Sanitation project we are supporting.
- ❖ Alex Hospital: Staff, patients & chaplaincy team serving the community.
- ❖ Graeme and Jackie Russell - Community Missioner in Christ Church.
- ❖ Those recovering from surgery: Chris McLaren, Garth Nathaniel, Sam (Grandson of Erica Dilger)
- ❖ Chris Tilley who is ill
- ❖ Parish Prayers: : Cherrington Close, Matchborough; Jays Close, Winyates Green; Doverdale Close, Woodrow; Hedgerow Close, Greenlands, Cardington Close, Winyates;

## **Please keep praying for:**

Nancy Borthwick    Sylvia Czink    Peggy Snellgrove    Linda Beasley  
Stephen Ward

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