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News

The Bishop of Dudley, Graham Usher has presented Paul West, the former Chief Constable of West Mercia Police, with the Cross of St. Wulfstan, an award that pays tribute to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the life of the Church and wider society in the Diocese of Worcester.

Paul has been a member of the Cathedral Council since 2009 and since retiring from policing in 2011, he has taken up a number of additional voluntary roles within the Diocese. He is Chair of the Board of Trustees at Holland House Retreat and Conference Centre in Cropthorne, near Pershore and the Bishop of Worcester's Criminal Justice Adviser as well as a founder member of the Diocesan Criminal Justice Affairs Group. He was also nominated by the Bishop to be his representative on the Board of Governors of Bromsgrove School and represents the Diocese as a Trustee on the Board of The Rivers Church of England Multi-Academy Trust. Paul is also a Trustee of the Hartlebury Castle Preservation Trust, which was the former home of successive Bishops of Worcester over many centuries until 2008.

Paul said: "The letter saying I was to be this year's recipient of the Cross of St. Wulfstan arrived out of the blue in December amongst a delivery of Christmas cards. Both my wife and I were at home when I opened it, so she was able to share in my complete surprise and delight, which was highly appropriate in view of the tremendous support that she has given to my various activities, both professional and voluntary, over so many years. I am greatly touched by the Bishop's kind gesture. This truly is a unique honour and is one that I will treasure for all time."

Let us remember Paul in our prayers as he continues to work out his faith.

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

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 Week

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

Scripture Union

In December, Scripture Union's (SU) celebrated its 150th anniversary with a thanksgiving service at St Mary's Church in Islington, close to where founder, Josiah Spiers, held the first meeting of what was to become Scripture Union. Her Majesty The Queen attended for the occasion, and it was a great joy to celebrate with her all that God has done in the lives of countless children over the years.

St John's children's leaders follow the SU format, using materials provided by Scripture Union in our Sunday groups.

The service features in a special episode of Songs of Praise that was recorded on the day. You can watch the show, which really captured the spirit of the occasion and the heart of Scripture Union, on the BBC iPlayer. Don't hang around, though, as it will disappear soon (13 February, I believe, but you'll still be able to find photos on our Facebook page after that). We have been told that around 1.7 million people viewed the programme, many of whom will not have known much if anything about SU. Thank God for such great exposure, and please join us in praying that it will encourage even more people to engage further.

Services

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
Ephesians 6:10-20 'Spiritual Warfare'

Next Sunday - Transfiguration

10:30am Morning Worship with Garth Nathaniel
2 Kings 2:1-12 and Mark 9:2-9
'The dazzle factor'

6:30pm Evening Worship

Diary dates

Mon 1 - 3pm Card making at Lynda's house

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

Thurs 7:30pm Gifts course - St. John's Church

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

Sat 10th Feb 10 - 12noon Messy Church - Woodrow meeting rooms

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 11.32–end; Ps 31.19–end; Mk 5.1–20

Tues Heb 12.1–4; Ps 22.25b–end; Mk 5.21–43

Wed Heb 12.4–7, 11–15; Ps 103.1–2, 13–18; Mk 6.1–6

Thurs Heb 12.18–19, 21–24; Ps 48.1–3, 8–10; Mk 6.7–13

Fri Heb 13.1–8; Ps 27.1–6, 9–12; Mk 6.14–29

Sat Heb 13.15–17, 20–21; Ps 23; Mk 6.30–34

Message from Simon

Simon Forrest would like to thank you for your prayers and support and is pleased to say that he has a new job starting in April, which is exactly what he was looking for, Gods timing is wonderful!

Collect for the week

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things 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 Tilley who is ill.
- ❖ Staff affected by the closing of M&S in Redditch, especially those with long service.
- ❖ Chaplains of the Kingfisher Centre visiting and supporting shop workers.
- ❖ For our MP Rachel Maclean & the Government involved in Brexit negotiations, for our security services working to keep us safe.
- ❖ Parish Prayers: : Binton Close, Matchborough; Hindlip Close, Winyates Green; Cropthorne Close, Woodrow; Goodrich Close, Greenlands;

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