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Dear all,

When I was a child I found it very hard to concentrate in class. IF I wasn't talking, I would be day dreaming. There was so much to capture my imagination. Life was exciting, and there was so much to distract me. My teachers knew I was intelligent and capable of doing well, just that I could not be bothered to apply myself to my books. Somehow I managed to get through my exams doing well, but not really paying attention. Till one year I flunked, and had to repeat the year. It's like this for each one of us in our spiritual life. We should be reading God's Word and studying it carefully, listening to God speak to us. But we are either too busy talking away, or we are too easily distracted by either the cares or the attractions of this world to learn well. And who needs to sit, listen and learn? After all we are getting through aren't we? We aren't doing too badly. And it all goes well till the day, bang, we hit the wall and fall down. We haven't learned our lesson, so we have to do it all over again. During this lent let us take the time to learn from the Father. None of us, myself included can say we don't need to learn.

Join the lent course, share with others and learn with me.

In Christ,

Canon Garth Nathaniel

Today, after the morning service, Richard would like to talk to all the congregation regarding a vision for discipleship that Richard and Garth would like us all to get behind at St. John's. This first meeting is to explain what the vision is, it is estimated to take around 15 minutes.

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

This Thursday

If you're looking for something to do during next week's school holiday, a fun family day promoting Messy Church at churches in the Diocese is taking place in Worcester Cathedral 10.30-12.30 and 2.-4pm.

This is a drop-in, free event for families (with donations invited to cover the cost of materials). Art & crafty Bible inspired activities for the very young to teenagers, eg. giant Jenga, magnetic fishing game, design a place of worship out of newspaper & mindfulness colouring.

Warm Day

Tuesday 6th March, 10 - 3pm, Holland House, Cropthorne.

Paul and Diana Hunt will be speaking about being open to the Spirit "Allowing the Holy Spirit to draw us deeper into God."

Cost £16 inclusive of lunch at Holland House (pay on the day)

Book through: **Robert Latham** 01905 748711 Robert@HallowChurch.co.uk or **Richard Thorniley** 01386 870527 rector@archbenefice.org.uk **by Monday 26th February**

Dementia talk

Lindisfarne House, 4 Barbourne Terrace, Worcester , WR1 3JS 8pm
Tuesday 13th March

Dementia and other brain disorders, from a Christian standpoint.

Prof John Gallacher is Prof of Cognitive Health at Oxford University, and leader of Dementia UK. He will discuss some developments in cognitive health, and will suggest how some brain conditions can be seen in a Christian context. There will be opportunity for questions. Coffee afterwards, collection taken for costs, free parking, no need to book.

Remember

If you still have an old church key, give it to Barry who will issue you with a new one.

Services

Lent 1

10:30am Morning Worship with Richard Harding
Matthew 2:1-12 'The church God wants us to be'

6:30pm Evening Worship with Richard Harding
Ephesians 2:1-10 'The true gospel'

Next Sunday - Lent 2

10:30am Holy Communion with Garth Nathaniel
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9
'The path to life'

6:30pm Evening Worship with Mike Palfreyman

Diary dates

Tues 12 - 1:30pm Lent Course - Husband Room, St. Peter's

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

Thurs 7pm Lent Course - Husband Room, St. Peter's

Sat 10th March 10 - 12noon Messy Church, Woodrow meeting rooms

Sun 11th March Mothering Sunday

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 - Lent 1

Mon Genesis 41.25-45

Tues Genesis 41.46-42.5

Wed Genesis 42.6-17

Thurs Genesis 42.18-28

Fri Genesis 42.29-end

Sat Genesis 43.1-15

Messy Church

The last Messy Church saw 29 children, 20 adults and 22 helpers.

Please continue to pray for this monthly venture. We looked at Zacheus the tax collector who took more money from people than he should and how his encounter with Jesus changed him. The next Messy Church is 10th March 10am-12noon.

Collect for the week

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 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 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: Windward Road Matchborough, Prestbury Close Winyates Green, Bushley Close Woodrow, Tillington Close Winyates.

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