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Fairtrade Fortnight starts tomorrow. Fairtrade movements have a varying history going back as far as the 1940's in Northern world markets where religious and non Government organisations tried to commercialise products, mostly sold in churches or at community fairs. The goods themselves had often no other function than to indicate that a donation had been made.

'Trade not Aid', gained international recognition in 1968 to put the emphasis on the establishment of fair trade relations with the developing world. British Non Government Organisation Oxfam launched "Helping-by-Selling", a program which sold imported handicrafts in Oxfam stores in the UK and from mail-order catalogues.

Sixty years on we now have Fairtrade products sold in supermarkets, cafes and clothing shops, on the internet and by catalogue. We even have places recognised as Fairtrade. There are 500 Fairtrade towns (including nearby Alcester and Studley), 118 universities, over 6,000 churches, and over 4,000 UK schools registered.

In 2011, over 1.2 million farmers and workers in more than 60 countries participated in Fairtrade International's fair trade system, meaning they were getting paid a fair price for their produce and goods.

If you would like to find out more or join in with Fairtrade Fortnight, there is a Fairtrade coffee morning at Studley Village Hall on March 5th and 6th 10-12noon.

Fair Trade fortnight prayer:

Pray for fairness and justice in our trading system globally, for fair prices for producers, and an understanding by consumers in the impact of our choices when shopping. Give thanks for the Fairtrade Movement, and local initiatives which highlight Fairtrade products and raise debate about economic justice for all.

Unexpectedly Back on the Market

I have a ticket for Carousel - Wed 14th March 7:30pm at £14. Who do you know who would like to come? See Rosie for further details

Card Making

This will be at Lynda's house on Monday 26th February 1 - 3pm.

33 Atherstone Close B98 0BD. Small charge of £3, refreshments included.

Please let her know if you are coming.

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The team will be going into Woodrow First school for 5 weeks starting Tuesday weather permitting! We will be looking at Jesus' Life through to his death and resurrection.

Please pray for the team, as they will be working with Key Stage one children, that the families will want to take this further and get involved with a local church.

Support Groups

Church Support Groups help congregations grow together in our Christian life. We are delighted that Richard and Ian will be hosting groups on Monday and Thursday evenings.

If you are unsure about what is involved have a chat to Richard or Garth, Sharon, Barry or Ann. Please be thinking of which day might suit you better and if a daytime group is preferred, please let Sharon or Barry know.

Simon's 50th Birthday

Simon Forrest will be 50 on 16th March, you are all most welcome at 9 Downsell Road, Webheath B97 5RT to help celebrate with a birthday tea 5.30pm-7.30pm

Easter Fun at Woodrow Centre

The Woodrow Community Group are running a Fun event on Maundy Thursday between 3:30 - 5pm. If anyone would like to help out please let me know.

We would also like to run a bran tub, so if you have any items which would be suitable, please forward them to Rosie.

Woodrow Community Meetings

The next meeting is on Monday 5th March at 6pm in Woodrow Library. Please pray for the role of Christians in these meetings, and for the events to make a difference to lives of those living on Woodrow.

Services

Lent 2

10:30am Holy Communion with Garth Nathaniel & Rose Humphrey
John 15:18 -16:4 'Opposition'

6:30pm Evening Worship with Mike Palfreyman

Next Sunday - Lent 3

10:30am Worship for Everyone with Vicki Quarton
John 17:1-26 'Jesus Prays'

6:30pm Holy Communion with Richard Harding

Diary dates

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

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

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

Thurs 7pm Lent Course - Huband 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 2

Mon Dan 9.4-10; Ps 79.8-9, 12, 14; Lk 6.36-38

Tues Is 1.10, 16-20; Ps 50.8, 16-end; Mt 23.1-12

Wed Jer 18.18-20; Ps 31.4-5, 14-18; Mt 20.17-28

Thurs Jer 17.5-10; Ps 1; Lk 16.19-end

Fri Gen 37.3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Ps 105.16-22; Mt 21.33-43, 45-46

Sat Mic 7.14-15, 18-20; Ps 103.1-4, 9-12; Lk 15.1-3, 11-end

Data Protection

New regulations about data protection come into force in May this year. To help us ensure we comply, the DCC need to know about any personal data on paper or computer in connection with church activities. If you have any, please speak to Barry Humphrey.

Collect for the week

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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: Ansley Close Matchborough, Kendal Close Winyates Green, Bengrove Close Woodrow, Winslow Close Winyates.

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