



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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Sunday, 11 March 2018 - Happy Mother's Day

Dear All,

President Trump, senior administration officials, and many members of American Congress paid tribute by attending the funeral of evangelist. Dr. Billy Graham, this being only the fourth private citizen and the first religious leader, to be so honoured.

One of those attending the viewing was a lady called Sue Brinner. When she was in college, a guy she liked invited her to see a movie produced by Dr. Graham's ministry. It changed her life. Her testimony appeared in the Washington Post, which is a newspaper not known for its evangelical leanings. In it she testified, "I could have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Some-how I'd missed that, growing up in a traditional Protestant church. I always saw God as a scary, vengeful, angry person. That you could actually have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, I was blown away. Other people were getting blown away by drugs. I found faith."

She found a personal relationship with Jesus through a man whose life was built on such a relationship. She was invited by him to go and see the movie. If he had not invited her to go along, I wonder what the story would have been. The majority of people who come to church are those who have been invited to come.

Is there someone you can invite to church or an event where they can hear the gospel and get to meet Jesus? Have you invited them? If not what are you waiting for?

Blessings,

Canon Garth Nathaniel

Walk the Easter story (Holy Week)

Do you usually attend the bigger services and miss out on the whole of the Easter story? join us this year as we walk through Holy week:

Palm Sunday (25th March, 10.30am St John's),

Maundy Thursday - a reminder of the the Last Supper (agape meal 7.30pm St Peter's)

Good Friday - the crucifixion and death of Jesus at Calvary (7.30pm at St John's)

Easter or Resurrection Sunday (St John's 10.30am)

Good Friday Walk of Witness - from Oasis Christian Centre

Join with others in the Town at 9.45am for a short Communion service, as we remember the best day in history, or come along at 10.30am and join in the Walk of Witness through Redditch Town Centre. We'll be singing, reading the bible, focussing on God and giving out hot cross buns and contact cards to everyone we see! meet at: Oasis Christian Centre, Plymouth Road, Redditch Town Centre.

Cardmaking

Lynda's card making this month is on Monday 19th March at 1pm at 33 Atherstone Close, B98 0BD. We will be making an Easter card. Cost £3 to cover refreshments and materials.

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.

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.

Reports

Barry needs your report that is to be included in the annual report, as soon as possible. Thank you

Care of Church grounds

I have been asked to get together a work team to take care of outside the church. If anyone has any spare time and is interested in helping, would they see me please.

This will be on Tuesdays or Saturdays when the weather picks up, hopefully starting in April. Jobs include weeding, litter picking, outside window cleaning, clearing leaves and general tidying of garden and path areas. Many thanks, David Jones

Services

Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

10:30am Morning Worship with Vicki Quarton & Garth Nathaniel

6:30pm Evening Worship with Mike Palfreyman

Next Sunday - Lent 5

10:30am Morning Worship with Richard Harding.

Matthew 26:17-30

'The Last Supper'

6:30pm Evening Worship with Richard Harding

Diary dates

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

Weds 7:30pm Lent Course - Huband Room, St. Peter's

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

Mon 19th March 1 - 3pm Card Making - Lynda's House

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 4

Mon Is 65.17-21; Ps 30.1-5, 8, 11-end; Jn 4.43-end

Tues Ezk 47.1-9, 12; Ps 46.1-8; Jn 5.1-3, 5-16

Wed Is 49.8-15; Ps 145.8-18; Jn 5.17-30

Thurs Ex 32.7-14; Ps 106.19-23; Jn 5.31-end

Fri Wsdm 2.1, 12-22 or Jer 26.8-11; Ps 34.15-end; Jn 7.1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat Jer 11.18-20; Ps 7.1-2, 8-10; Jn 7.40-52

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

God of Compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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: Avenbury Close Matchborough, Newent Close Winyates Green, Newland Close Woodrow, Treville Close Winyates

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