



# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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**Sunday, 18 March 2018**

## **Electoral Roll**

The electoral roll opens today for two weeks. If you are not already on the roll and would like to be, please see Dawn, Sharon or Barry for a form (alternatively they will be on the table in the foyer).

To be eligible for the roll you have to be over 16 years old and resident in the parish, or if not resident in the parish, have worshipped regularly at St. John's for the past six months.

Dawn Wilson, Electoral roll officer

## **Celebratory Service**

There will be a celebratory evening Parish service after Easter at St John's, where those undertaking lay ministry will be commissioned, refreshments will be served after the service.

If you would like to provide cakes, fruit or help serve drinks please speak with Sharon or Barry, but most importantly please do join us at this very special time.

## **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)

**Agape Maundy Thursday meal** -The bring and share Maundy Thursday meal will be at St Peter's 7.30pm 29th March. More information and a sign up sheet will be available shortly. See Sharon if you would like to go and would like a lift.

## **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.

## **Card making**

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.

## **Senior tea**

An afternoon of tea, cake and entertainment will be provided in St John's Church Hall on Sunday 25th March. If you would like to attend or know of anyone who might welcome an invitation please see in person or telephone Eileen on 01527 525022.

## **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 5**

10:30am Morning Worship with Richard Harding.  
Matthew 26:17-30 'The Last Supper'

6:30pm Evening Worship with Richard Harding.  
Mark 10:35-45 'Jesus Authentic Leader'

### **Next Sunday - Palm Sunday**

10:30am Holy Communion with Garth Nathaniel.  
John 12:12-19 'Triumphal Entry'

6:30pm Evening Worship with Garth Nathaniel

### 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 5

M Sus 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [or 41b-62] or Josh 2.1-14; Ps 23; Jn 8.1-11

Tues Num 21.4-9; Ps 102.1-3, 16-23; Jn 8.21-30

Wed Dan 3.14-20, 24-25, 28; Canticle: Bless the Lord; Jn 8.31-42

Thurs Gen 17.3-9; Ps 105.4-9; Jn 8.51-end

Fri Jer 20.10-13; Ps 18.1-6; Jn 10.31-end

Sat Ezk 37.21-end; Canticle: Jer 31.10-13 or Ps 121; Jn 11.45-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.

**Thank You** Many thanks to those who were able to join us to celebrate Simon's 50th birthday on Friday, Simon had a lovely time and those attending seemed to as well. Sharon

## **Collect for the week**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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: Avenbury Close Matchborough, Newent Close Winyates Green, Newland Close Woodrow, Treville Close Winyates

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