



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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Sunday, 15 April 2018

We start differently this morning, as together we come to worship and thank God for the week we have had and to confess anything we need to say sorry for.

During Holy Week, Bishop John gave a sermon at Worcester Cathedral (a copy of which is available on the board in the foyer) an extract of the sermon is below:

'Being with is the business of the persons of the Trinity, being with one another, and enjoying and delighting in one another. Being with is at the heart of the Christian faith, if the word 'Emmanuel' is to be taken seriously. 'Look the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel, which means 'God with us'. If 'with' is at the heart of God and at the heart of the faith it should surely lie at the heart of ministry and mission, too.

Jesus tells his disciples that he is among them, among them as one who serves. But that is not the end of the matter. He goes on to tell them that, having stood by him in his trials, his disciples will have bestowed on them a kingdom, so that they might eat and drink at his table in his kingdom, and sit on thrones. Their destiny is to be with Jesus and with one another in glory.

That is our destiny, too. It is therefore our responsibility to become accustomed to being with Jesus now - in prayer - and to being with one another.....

Do please attend the Annual General meeting of St Johns tomorrow at 7.30pm

Wedding news We heard on Easter Sunday the terrific news from Jenny and Jason of their plans to be married after the morning service on Sunday September 9th. Please put the date in the diary and come along to witness this special time in the life of this lovely family. Everyone is also invited to the celebrations in the church hall after.

Celebration of Lay Ministry The joint parish service for the Celebration of Lay Ministry and the renewal of authorisations will take place on Sunday May 27th (Trinity Sunday) at 6:30 pm, at St. John's.

At this service of Holy communion we will be celebrating the ministry and contributions of all lay ministry in our churches. Please put the date in the diary and come along.

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.

Church Council If you would like to put yourself forward for St Johns Church Council please ensure you complete a form today.

Christian Aid Week - Guided Sponsored Walk Saturday 19th May

Join us for this Redditch circular walk to raise money for Christian Aid. Choose the length of walk that would suit you. The shorter walks are stages in the long walk.

The options are:

- 20 miles starting from St Stephen's Church, Church Green at 8am
- 7.5 miles from St Matthias Church, Astwood Bank
- 5 miles from Morton Stanley Park
- 2 miles from St Philip's Church, Webheath

Walkers will finish together at St Stephen's Church, where it is hoped to have fish and chips at around 5pm. Please put this date in your diary, further information about the walk options and sponsorship forms are available from John (below).

Contact John at johnlegge@jplcomputer.co.uk for more information.

Services

Easter 3

- 10:30am Worship for Everyone with Revd. Ian Evans.
Mark 16:9-20 'The Great Commission'
- 6:30pm Evening Worship with Revd. Garth Nathaniel
1 Corinthians 15:1-10

Next Sunday - Easter 4

- 10:30am Holy Communion with Revd. Garth Nathaniel.
John 14:15-31 'The Holy Spirit'
- 6:30pm Evening Worship with Peter McLaren

Diary dates

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

Mon 16th April 7:30pm St. John's AGM - St. John's Church

Thurs 10th May 7:30pm Joint Ascension Day Service - St. Peter's

Sun 27th May 6:30pm Celebration of Lay Ministry Service - St. John's

Lectionary Readings - Easter 3

Mon Acts 6.8-15; Ps 119.17-24; Jn 6.22-29

Tues Acts 7.51-8.1a; Ps 31.1-5, 16; Jn 6.30-35

Wed Acts 8.1b-8; Ps 66.1-6; Jn 6.35-40

Thurs Acts 8.26-end; Ps 66.7-8, 14-end; Jn 6.44-51

Fri Acts 9.1-20; Ps 117; Jn 6.52-59

Sat Acts 9.31-42; Ps 116.10-15; Jn 6.60-69

Support groups You are invited to join one of the two groups - the Monday Group is a house and support group that will give opportunities for group members to share, pray and study the Bible together. The group will meet weekly at St. John's Church on Monday Evenings from 7:30pm - 9pm starting on 23rd April 2018 ran by Ian Evans. Please just turn up on the evening.

The second is a similar group ran by Richard Harding meeting at Ann Donovan's house 7:30pm Thursday's., please let Ann know you would like to come along. If neither of these groups are possible for you please let Sharon or Barry know and a daytime meeting might be possible. We would encourage all who are able to join in with a support group.

Collect for the week Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 forever. 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.
- ❖ Those looking for work or starting new jobs
- ❖ 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 in our town hearing the good news of Jesus over Easter.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ The Faith at Work Chaplaincy team who are working alongside the staff of Marks & Spencers and the business community in the town at a time of change and challenge.
- ❖ Parish Prayers: Munsley Close Matchborough, Illshaw Close Winyates Green, Grafton Close Woodrow, Granby Close Winyates .

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