



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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Jesus walked beside the shore early on the morning the disciples decided to go back fishing. Peter, Andrew, James and John fit right back in, and found their old skills coming back as if they had never been away. But, that night they caught nothing. A long night of toil and hard graft with nothing to show for it. They'd been here before, but this time they were missing something else. They had tasted another life and lifestyle. But without Jesus that life seemed gone forever. Sadness and boredom led them back into old and fruitless ways.

Jesus stood beside the shore early on the morning the disciples decided to go back fishing. He called out to them, as if to rub salt in the wounds of their failure, "Fellows, Have you caught any fish?" Their reply was a curt, "No" Jesus was not put off by their rudeness, just called back, "Throw your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you'll get some!"

So they did, and wow, what a catch! They couldn't haul in the net because there were so many fish in it. Then John recognised Jesus and calls out, "It's the Lord!"

Peter, stripping off his clothes jumped into the water and waded to shore. Peter who had walked on water, now wades through it, but can't wait to get to Jesus.

I wonder, how many of us find ourselves reflected in this story. Let us turn, let us return, let us run to Jesus, for He is waiting. He is calling.

In Christ,
Blessings,
Garth

Please collect your fairer share form, fill it in and return it as soon as possible. Thanks

Plant and Traidcraft sale A warm welcome awaits you at Tardebigge's annual Plant Sale being held at St Bartholomew's Church and opening at 11 am prompt on Saturday 12th May 2018.

This popular annual event sells plants grown by people in and around the parish and is open to everyone - serious gardeners or potterers alike!

For plenty of choice, it's best to arrive in Church Lane, Tardebigge (B60 3AH) in time for opening at 11 am. Stock sells out quickly - but then there's time for a fresh cup of tea and a piece of home-made cake. Preserves, home-made cakes, raffle tickets and Traidcraft products will also be on sale in the Church Hall, right next to the plant tables on the grass outside.

All profits (except for the Traidcraft stall, whose profits go to other charities) will support our two local churches of St Bartholomew's, Tardebigge and St Mary's, Bentley, which are funded entirely by donation.

Churches Together in Redditch Pentecost in the Park on the afternoon of 20th May 2018 - Barbecue from 2:30, Pentecost Praise 3:30 -5pm

COME AND JOIN IN! Bring yourself, bring a friend, bring & share BBQ and please bring garden chair/s. If anyone can loan a gazebo that would be great. Lots of other help needed. Enquires: Heather Berry 01527 60638

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 5

10:30am Morning Worship with Rosemary Humphrey.
John 16:5-15 'The Holy Spirit'

6:30pm Evening Worship with Ann & Sharon

Next Sunday - Easter 6

10:30am Worship for Everyone Service
Joel 2:28-32 'Who is the Holy Spirit?'

6:30pm Holy Communion with Revd. Richard Harding

Diary dates

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

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

Sat 12th May 11am Plant & Traidcraft sale - St. Bartholomew's Tardebigge

Sun 20th May 2:30 - 5pm Churches Together Pentecost in the Park

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

Lectionary Readings - Easter 5

Mon Acts 14.5-18; Ps 118.1-3, 14-15; Jn 14.21-26

Tues Acts 14.19-end; Ps 145.10-end; Jn 14.27-end

Wed Acts 15.1-6; Ps 122.1-5; Jn 15.1-8

Thurs Acts 15.7-21; Ps 96.1-3, 7-10; Jn 15.9-11

Fri Acts 15.22-31; Ps 57.8-end; Jn 15.12-17

Sat Acts 16.1-10; Ps 100; Jn 15.18-21

DCC We welcome our new DCC for this coming year;

Barry Humphrey, Amanda Worley, Rob Quarton, Ann Donovan, Caroline Westwood, David Jones, Rosemary Humphrey, Vicki Quarton, Maureen Hughes Dawn Wilson & Annette Humphrey

We thank Julie Thompson and Jane Smith who have been representatives over the past 12 months to DCC and PCC.

We also thank Sharon Forrest for her work as Church Warden for the past two years.

Collect for the week

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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.
- ❖ Church Warden – Barry Humphrey.
- ❖ Parish Warden – Andrea Mortimer.
- ❖ The members of St. John's who make up the new DCC.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Archdeacon's annual visitation on May 17th to meet with Wardens.
- ❖ Chaplains of the Kingfisher Centre visiting and supporting shop workers.
- ❖ For our local elections this week in Redditch.
- ❖ Jenny Mosley recovering from a major operation
- ❖ Parish Prayers: Allensmore Close Matchborough, Batsford Close Wirehill, Pedmore Close Woodrow, Edgmond Close Winyates.

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