



# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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**Sunday, 13 May 2018**

"Dear all,

I want to take the opportunity to say "Thank You," to all those who have sent me cards, letter, emails and phone calls following the AGM in April, and for the minute which the AGM agreed on after I left. I truly appreciate the prayers, love and support that each of you have expressed in these cards and messages. . Without sounding pompous about it, I am your shepherd. I have a responsibility before God to care for the flock that He has placed me over, and I will not be derelict in this responsibility. I share this responsibility with the Bishop. My licence which installs me as the Rector of the Parish of Ipsley (and this includes St. John's) states, "receive this cure of souls, which is both mine and yours."

I don't just minister to you because I have a licence that tells me I should, but believe me when I say that I serve you because I love you the members of the church of St John's with all my heart. But alongside ministering to you, I am also called to lead you. The tension between these two ministries can sit uncomfortably for both you and me. However, I take very seriously my calling to be your Rector, whether you see me as such or not. Till God removes me, I am not going anywhere. Revd Richard and I have only one thing in our hearts, that is to see St John's flourish spiritually and doing God's bidding in both Greenlands and Woodrow. By God's grace and help, I will not deviate from my calling.

Yours in Christ,

Canon Garth Nathaniel

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

There has been a change to the BBQ part of the event before the service, sausages, burgers etc will now be provided, instead of bring and share. Do remember to bring something to sit on. Enquires: Heather Berry 01527 60638

**Christian Aid** Thank you to those who have signed up to collect Christian Aid envelopes door to door this week. If you haven't signed up and would like to there are still roads available, If you would like to make your own donation please get an envelope from the table in the foyer, if you're a tax payer remember to fill in the name and address part for 25% to be added to your contribution.

**Can you sponsor Stephen?** Next Saturday Stephen Ward will be joining in with the Christian Aid walk around Redditch, if you haven't yet and would like to sponsor Stephen, please see him today.

**ROUGHSHOD: DELIVER** Roughshod Theatre Company are coming to Christ Church on June 15th @ 7.30pm

Catch some surprising stories of hope in their new faith-filled show. Mixing comedy, dramatic storytelling, spoken word and the personal experience of the actors themselves, Riding Lights Roughshod deliver a show that asks: what happens when God intervenes in ordinary lives?

Tickets are £6 / £5 Concession and can be booked by calling the office @ Christ Church (01527 460400).

I also ask for volunteers to help sell tickets, share posters and flyers, help on the evening (e.g. on the door) and also need some hosts for the 5 cast members (2 men & 3 women) as we need to feed them on the Friday, put them up overnight and provide some food for the Saturday.

God Bless,  
Graeme Russell. (Community Missioner)

**Job Opportunity** Foodbank, a project of charity Acts of Kindness are looking for a Project Manager, 20 hours a week, anyone interested please email [robinbaker@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:robinbaker@blueyonder.co.uk). Closing date is 31st May interviews will be in June.

## **Services**

### **Easter 7**

10:30am Café Church with Revd. Garth Nathaniel  
Romans 8:28-39 'The Holy Spirit - New Love '  
6:30pm Evening Worship with Mike Palfreyman

### **Next Sunday - Pentecost**

10:30am Morning Worship with Revd. Ian Evans  
Acts 2: 1-21 'Pentecost Fire'  
6:30pm Evening Worship with Revd. Richard Harding

## **Diary dates**

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

**Sat 19th May 8am** Christian Aid Sponsored Walk

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

**Mon 21st May 1 - 3pm** Card making at Lynda's house

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

## **Lectionary Readings - Easter 7**

Mon Acts 19.1-8; Ps 68.1-6; Jn 16.29-end

Tues Acts 20.17-27; Ps 68.9-10, 18-19; Jn 17.1-11

Wed Acts 20.28-end; Ps 68.27-28, 32-end; Jn 17.11-19

Thurs Acts 22.30, 23.6-11; Ps 16.1, 5-end; Jn 17.20-end

Fri Acts 25.13-21; Ps 103.1-2, 11-12, 19-20; Jn 21.15-19

Sat Acts 28.16-20, 30-end; Ps 11.4-end; Jn 21.20-end

## **Card Making**

This will be at Lynda's house on Monday 21st May, 25th June and 23rd July, 1 - 3pm. 33 Atherstone Close B98 0BD. Small charge of £3 for materials, refreshments included.

Please let her know if you are coming.

### **Collect for today (Sunday after Ascension Day)**

O GOD the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. 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: Morsefield Lane Matchborough, Green Lane Wirehill, Rushock Close Woodrow, Badger Close Winyates.

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