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Thy Kingdom Come- We are Witnesses

When Jesus ascended into heaven, he used his last words to tell the disciples that they're going to be witnesses. Think of 'Witness' as a noun, not a verb. It's describing us, rather than what we're going to do. And everyone is included - whether we like it or not!

Every Christian is a witness - a witness of Jesus - we are first hand recipients of his goodness, his grace, his beauty and his kindness. This witness needs to be something that is current for us, and so it is a challenge for all of us who are witnesses - what have I witnessed personally of Jesus recently? Then we are the witnesses to Jesus. This means we simply say what we know, what we have seen, what we have experienced of him to those around us when given the opportunity.

Each of us witness in unique and personal ways. No two witnesses are the same. But the same Spirit empowers us all.

The Spirit is given to us so that we can be effective in our witness. So we can live in such a way that is congruent with our words. So we bear testimony kindly and graciously to the one who gives us hope.

As a church our effectiveness in living out the calling to be disciples of Jesus and to bear testimony to the good news is reliant on each member fulfilling their vocation as a witness. There is nothing more joyful or compelling for us to do. And our effectiveness as witnesses is rooted in the gift of the Holy Spirit.

So let us join in that ancient prayer 'Come, Holy Spirit'. That the world may know the transforming love of Jesus Christ.

By Archbishop Justin Welby

Churches Together in Redditch

Pentecost in the Park TODAY

Barbecue from 2:30, Pentecost Praise 3:30 -5pm

Arrow Valley Park, field by the visitors centre

Sausages, burgers etc will be provided. Do remember to bring something to sit on. Enquires: Heather Berry 01527 60638

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. Closing date is 31st May interviews will be in June.

The Healing Garden

RETREAT, QUIET DAY, PRAYER, OPEN DAY

When: May 25th 12:30-3:00

Where: The Magdalene Room and Quiet Garden at St George's Church, Barbourne, WR11HX

Deanery: Martley and Worcester West

Contact: Judy Morris, 01905 731249 **mrsjudemorris@aol.com**

A Quiet Garden Afternoon

We start with a simple lunch of soup and a roll at 12.30 and conclude at 3 after tea and cake.

Suggested donation £3.

Services

Pentecost

- 10:30am Morning Worship with Revd. Ian Evans
Acts 2: 1-21 'Pentecost Fire'
- 6:30pm Evening Worship with Revd. Richard Harding
John 4:7-21 'Jesus, Compassionate Saviour'

Next Sunday - Trinity

- 10:30am Holy Communion with Revd. Garth Nathaniel
Romans 8:1-17 'The Holy Spirit - New Life '
- 6:30pm Holy Communion with Revd. Garth Nathaniel
Service of dedication of Lay Ministers

Diary dates

Today 2:30 - 5pm Churches Together Pentecost in the Park

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

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 WB 15-21 May

Mon Ecclus 1.1-10 or James 1.1-11; Ps 93 or 119.65-72; Mk 9.14-29

Tues Ecclus 2.1-11 or James 1.12-18; Ps 37.3-6, 27-28 or 94.12-18; Mk 9.30-37

Wed Ecclus 4.11-19 or James 1.19-end; Ps 119.161-168 or 15; Mk 9.38-40

Thurs Ecclus 5.1-8 or James 2.1-9; Ps 1 or 34.1-7; Mk 9.41-end

Fri Ecclus 6.5-17 or James 2.14-24, 26; Ps 119.19-24 or 112; Mk 10.1-12

Sat Ecclus 17.1-15 or James 3.1-10; Ps 103.13-18 or 12.1-7; Mk 10.13-16

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 the week

God, who at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his Holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Chaplains of the Kingfisher Centre visiting and supporting shop workers.
- ❖ Jenny Mosley recovering from a major operation
- ❖ Parish Prayers: Brinklow Close Matchborough, Abbey gate Wirehill, Salford Close Woodrow, Eyton Close Winyates

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