



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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Dear All,

We are God's beloved children. He chose us before the foundation of the world, to walk with Him along paths designed uniquely for us. Let us concentrate on keeping in step with Him, instead of trying to anticipate His plans for us.

If we trust that His plans are to prosper us and not to harm us, we can relax and enjoy the present moment. Our hope and our future are rooted in heaven, where eternal joy and delight awaits us.

Nothing can rob us of our inheritance of unimaginable riches and well-being. Sometimes He gives us glimpses of our glorious future, to encourage us and spur us on.

But our main focus should be staying close to Him. He sets the pace in keeping with our needs and HIS purposes. . . . For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight..
Ephesians 1 : 4 (NIV)

In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps. Proverbs 16 : 9 (NIV) "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29 : 11 (NKJV)

Blessings,

Canon Garth Nathaniel

Notice from Redditch food bank:

If you are kindly donating to the food bank, they are getting really short of the following: Thank you

Tinned cold meat Honey Fruit Juice Spaghetti in a tin
Meals in tins Peanut Butter Hot Chocolate

Refugee Week - 20 years of celebrating success

Celebrating its 20th Birthday, Refugee Week (next week) hosts an array of events across Britain. Locally, we'll be holding a stall this Saturday in Redditch at The Bandstand's "Vintage Day" (12pm - 4pm) where you can buy our delicious RefuJuice and find out about what we do and how you can get involved.

During the week we will also have library displays in Redditch and Bromsgrove, so pop in and have a shuft. Then, of course, the finale for the week is our Syrian Cultural Evening in Redditch on Saturday 23rd June from 7pm. It would be great to have you there! (See above for details. Please book before next Monday, so we can arrange the food.)

Syrian Cultural Evening

Saturday 23rd June 2018 7:00 - 10:30pm at St. Lukes Memorial Hall, Evesham Rd, Headless Cross, Redditch B97 4JX

A 'taste' of Syria through food, film and history. Tickets £12 - purchase online from BRWR website www.brwr.uk

To include a traditional Syrian meal. Please bring your own soft drinks.

For more information please email info@brwr.uk

Clothing collections

Collections for "People In Motion" continue. Thank you for your donations and to the volunteers who make it possible.

The next clothing collection is on **Saturday 7th July** at The Bridge Church, Headless Cross, Redditch (2pm - 4pm).

The date after that is 4th August.

Services

Today

10:30am Morning Worship with Revd. Richard Harding
Galatians 3:26-4:7 'The Holy Spirit - New Family'

6:30pm Evening Worship with Revd. Richard Harding

Next Sunday

10:30am Holy Communion with Revd. Garth Nathaniel
1 Corinthians 13:1-13 'The Holy Spirit - New Love'

6:30pm Evening Worship with Peter McLaren

Diary dates

Tues 4pm Standing Committee meeting - St. John's

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

Mon 25th June 1 - 3pm Card making at Lynda's house

Tues 3rd July 7:45pm DCC meeting - St. John's

Tues 7th August Standing Committee meeting

Lectionary Readings WB 12 - 18 June

Mon 2 Cor 6.1-10; Ps 98; Mt 5.38-42

Tues 2 Cor 8.1-9; Ps 146; Mt 5.43-end

Wed 2 Cor 9.6-11; Ps 112; Mt 6.1-6, 16-18

Thurs 2 Cor 11.1-11; Ps 111; Mt 6.7-15

Fri 2 Cor 11.18, 21b-30; Ps 34.1-6; Mt 6.19-23

Sat 2 Cor 12.1-10; Ps 89.20-33; Mt 6.24-end

Card Making

This will be at Lynda's house on Monday 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

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call You Father: Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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.
- ❖ 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: Goosehill Close Matchborough, Hollyberry Close Winyates Green, Harpswell Avenue Woodrow, Middleton Close Winyates

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