



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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Sunday, 24 June 2018

Today is the feast of John the Baptist. John was Zechariah and Elizabeth's miracle baby. After many years of trying, hoping and eventually giving up all hopes of having a baby, they receive the best news possible. Elizabeth was going to have a baby boy. God had heard their prayers. Zechariah literally did not believe it when the angelic visitor gave him the good news. They were to have a son.

John was not just this marvellous gift to Zechariah and Elizabeth, but he was also coming into the world with a divine mandate. The angel said, "He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. 17 And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." (Luke 1:16).

Called from before his birth, John was an answer to a prayer long since given up, but came with a unique calling to show God's favour and take away His people's disgrace. (Lk 1:25b). What have you been praying for with great longing and have lost hope of receiving? Trust God, He makes all things beautiful in His time. (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

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	

There will be two days of collections for Redditch Foodbank on 13th and 14th July at Tesco. I understand from the board of trustees that church representatives support these collection days. So if anyone from your churches can offer some time on 13th and 14th July to hand out leaflets and hold collection tins that would be wonderful.

The timings will be as follows on each day:

9.00am - 11.00am	11.00am - 1.00pm
1.00pm - 3.00pm	3.00pm - 4.30pm

I look forward to hearing from you in due course and in the meantime thank you so much for your support.

Best wishes

Clare Carmen, Interim Project Manager

Bishop's Certificate Course

The Diocese of Worcester are looking to put on a number of Bishop's Certificate courses in the area. The courses last for 30 weeks and are open to anyone interested, no qualifications are needed. You learn more about the Bible and the great themes of Christian faith and life and relate these to your own experience and locality. For more information please speak to Dave Hargreaves, Peter McLaren, Judy Evans or Linda Nicholas

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

6:30pm Evening Worship with Peter McLaren

Next Sunday

10:30am Worship for Everyone with Vicki Quarton
2 Corinthians 8:7-15 'A fair balance'

6:30pm Holy Communion with Revd. Richard Harding

Diary dates

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 19 - 25 June

Mon Gen 12.1-9; Ps 33.12-end; Mt 7.1-5

Tues Gen 13.2, 5-end; Ps 15; Mt 7.6, 12-14

Wed Gen 15.1-12, 17-18; Ps 105.1-9; Mt 7.15-20

Thurs Gen 16.1-12, 15-16; Ps 106.1-5; Mt 7.21-end

Fri Gen 17.1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128; Mt 8.1-4

Sat Gen 18.1-15; Canticle: Lk 1.46b-55; Mt 8.5-17

Card Making

This will be at Lynda's house this Monday and on Monday 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, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of Your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to His preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; 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: Hatfield Close Matchborough, Furze Lane Winyates Green, Aston Close Woodrow, Linton Mews Winyates

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