



# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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**Sunday, 1 July 2018**

"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear,..." 1 John 4:18

John the evangelist writes about the love of God. And among the many statements he makes lies snuggled this one. How easy is it for us to be fearful?

When things go wrong, when we are faced with difficult decisions, when we face an uncertain future, when waiting for news from the doctor, it is so easy to give in to fear.

God's love is perfect. Because as John tells us earlier in the chapter "God is love." Vs 16a. So because God is perfect in every way, His love is perfect in every way.

John then completes the sentence with " ...whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them." Vs 16b. If we live our lives out in the love of God, where every decision, every action and every word is committed in the light of His presence, then we experience every day that perfect love of God, and are assured of the presence of God even in the hard and rough and dry places we sometimes find ourselves wandering in.

Blessings,

Canon Garth Nathaniel

## **Warwick Park Picnic - Sunday 22nd July**

It's the time of year again for our famous church outing to the lovely St. Nicholas Park at Warwick

Absolutely everyone is welcome to this great trip out - where we get to share time and fun together as a church - and hopefully bask in the warmth or the lovely gardens, listening to the brass band. Playing on the swings or splashing around in the paddling pool. - please do come along

If you need lifts - then speak to Rob, Vicki or Sharon

When - after the service on Sunday 22nd July - so about 1:00 pm onwards

Where - St Nicholas Park, Warwick, CV34 4QY

## **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

## **Contributors wanted for Summer services**

During our Sunday morning services this summer we are looking to include some contributions from different members of our church family.

We think it would be really interesting and helpful to hear from and about each other, so that we can better know one other, and be encouraged by, and encouraging to one another. Therefore, we are hoping that for each morning service in the summer we can have some people who will volunteer to answer a few simple questions from the service leader - about their life or faith, favourite bible passage / character, favourite hymn etc. You would have these questions well ahead of the service so that you can think about what you want to say

We promise this won't be anything intense or overwhelming, and we aren't looking for 'special' people with amazing things to say - but we are looking for YOU! A valued member of our lovely church family, who like everyone else, faces the rough and smooth of life and faith. So please do put yourself forward, or ask for more information, by speaking to Rob, Vicki, Rose or Amanda

## Services

### **Today - Proper 8**

- 10:30am      Worship for Everyone with Vicki Quarton  
                    *2 Corinthians 8:7-15*      'A fair balance'
- 6:30pm      Holy Communion with Revd. Richard Harding  
                    *Matthew 18:21-35*      'Jesus Extreme Forgiver'

### **Next Sunday - Proper 9**

- 10:30am      Morning Worship with Revd. Garth Nathaniel  
                    *2 Corinthians 12:2-10*      'My Grace is Sufficient'
- 6:30pm      Evening Worship with Peter McLaren

## Diary dates

**Tues 7:45pm** DCC meeting - St. John's

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

**Sun 22nd July 1pm onwards** Picnic - St. Nicholas Park, Warwick

**Mon 23rd July 1 - 3pm** Card making at Lynda's house

**Thurs 26th July 7:30pm** PCC Meeting - Christ Church, Matchborough

**Tues 7th August** Standing Committee meeting

## Lectionary Readings WB 26 June - 02 July

Mon Gen 18.16-end; Ps 103.6-17; Mt 8.18-22

Tues Gen 19.15-29; Ps 26; Mt 8.23-27

Wed Gen 21.5, 8-20; Ps 34.1-12; Mt 8.28-end

Thurs Gen 22.1-19; Ps 116.1-7; Mt 9.1-8

Fri Gen 23.1-4, 19, 24.1-8, 62-end; Ps 106.1-5; Mt 9.9-13

Sat Gen 27.1-5a, 15-29; Ps 135.1-6; Mt 9.14-17

## Card Making

This will be at Lynda's house 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 and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and 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.
- ❖ Chaplains of the Kingfisher Centre visiting and supporting shop workers.
- ❖ Jenny Mosley recovering from a major operation
- ❖ Parish Prayers:

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