



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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The other day it was my pleasure to visit Christ Church when they were holding their Open Door. I was so blessed to see the many people who stop by and the conversations about faith that were taking place. Those dropping in are increasing in number. Areas of Matchborough and Winyates are areas of darkness and suffocating spiritual bondage. Our brothers and sisters at Christ Church, live and worship in the midst of that darkness and unbelief. As they have gone out into the streets praying and anointing the streets, they have become aware of these strongholds. We need to pray for their protection and for God to bring the strongholds down. Many in Matchborough have never even stepped into a church building of any kind, leave alone experience worship.

Richard and the team are planning to start a new kind of non-Sunday service, which will be geared to those who are in this un-churched group. Titled, "Come and See" it will be a welcoming service with refreshments, warm friendly fellowship, a powerful time of worship and sharing of testimonies. Pray for this new initiative that it will see many coming to Christ, being baptised and added to the number of saints in Matchborough.

I believe this is God's opportunity for Matchborough indeed for the parish as we discern and become involved in what is happening. We need you to pray for Richard and Ian and Marilyn and the hospitality team and worship leaders. For their preparation in heart and soul. For the anointing of the Holy Spirit clothing them with power from on high. Pray for a harvest of souls. Let us support our spiritual family in Christ Church Matchborough.

With every blessing,

Canon Garth Nathaniel

There will be a special whole church meeting after the morning service with information about the future of St John's. This will include a question time. Please make a special effort to attend.

Barry,
Churchwarden.

Warwick Park Picnic - Next Sunday - 22nd July

Its 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, enjoy the lovely gardens, listen to the brass band, play on the swings or splash around in the paddling pool. Please do come along - if you need lifts then speak to Rob, Vicki or Sharon

When - after the service NEXT WEEK Sunday 22nd July, from about 1:00 pm onwards

Where - St Nicholas Park, Warwick, CV34 4QY

What - bring your picnic and your sun cream / umbrella

Church Directory The church directory will be reprinted as soon as all the contact details are collected. There will be a sheet at the back of church for you to enter your details or see me. The directory will only be issued to those whose name is included. If you have an old one, please destroy it, as it is out of date and we need to comply with the GDPR regulations. When you enter your details, please tick the box giving the church permission to include your name.

Barry.

Please note For those that do not know. As your elected Churchwarden, Parish Safeguarding Officer, Administrator and general dogs body, my role is to ensure that you are all well cared for by the church. This includes the environment, heating, lighting, vision, sound, blocked toilet etc. but especially your safety. That is children and adults, to be kept safe from anything that threatens you, be it another person, the environment or anything else. I can be contacted by any means that you choose so if you need help or have concerns contact me. My phone, messages and emails work even when I am on holiday. Garth and Richard have not yet mastered the art of being in three places at the same time so you can always contact me. If I can't deal with the situation, I know a man or woman that can.

I am VERY thankful for the many volunteers who help me in this role, some seen and some not seen by everybody, so a very big thank you to those.

Barry, Churchwarden etc.

Bromsgrove and Redditch Welcomes Refugees (BRWR)

This local group link with Worcestershire based People in Motion, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, that provide support and aid to displaced people throughout Europe and beyond, to help people on their journey to a safer life. Once a month BRWR provide an opportunity for residents to drop off unwanted adult clothing, suitable shoes, items for dignity packs, sleeping bags and blankets for onward transportation to People in Motion and then Europe.

We are very fortunate we have local groups who make it easy for us to donate and help, the next collection is 4th August, please take items to the Bridge Church Headless Cross or bring into church for Sharon to drop. Visit the two websites of these groups to see the good work going on

<https://brwr.uk/>

<http://www.people-in-motion.co.uk/>

Services

Today - Proper 10

10:30am Holy Communion with Revd. Richard Harding
Ephesians 1:3-14 'Gathered In Christ'

Followed by church meeting

6:30pm Evening Worship with Revd. Richard Harding

Next Sunday - Proper 11

10:30am Worship for Everyone with Rob Quarton & Special Guest
Summer series Real Lives - 1

6:30pm Evening Worship

Diary dates

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

Fri 7:00pm Bellringing - St. Peter's Church, Ipsley

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 10 - 16 July

Mon Ex 1.8-14, 22; Ps 124; Mt 10.34-11.1

Tues Ex 2.1-15; Ps 69.1-2, 31-end; Mt 11.20-24

Wed Ex 3.1-6, 9-12; Ps 103.1-7; Mt 11.25-27

Thurs Ex 3.13-20; Ps 105.1-2, 23; Mt 11.28-end

Fri Ex 11.10-12.14; Ps 116.10-end; Mt 12.1-8

Sat Ex 12.37-42; Ps 136.1-4, 10-15; Mt 12.14-21

Card Making This will be at Lynda's house on Monday 23rd July 1 - 3pm. Small charge of £3 for materials, refreshments included. Please let her know if you are coming.

Churches Together: As part of our commitment to one another as member churches of Churches Together in Redditch, we have been asked to pray for one another on a month by month basis. This month we have been asked to pray for the Assemblies of God congregation.

Collect for the week

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 D (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 Kigezi Water and Sanitation project we are supporting.
- ❖ Graeme and Jackie Russell - Community Missioner in Christ Church.
- ❖ Jenny M recovering from a major operation
- ❖ Those starting a new school in September
- ❖ Parish Prayers: Cherrington Close Matchborough, Jays Close Winyates Green, Doverdale Close Woodrow, Cardington Close Winyates

Thankful When news arrived after nine days that all twelve boys and the coach had been found, his mother said: "Thank you to God. I'm really thankful that they found my son and all 13 are alive.

"I'm so happy and so thankful to see my son again. Thank you so much to everyone that has been praying for us and the boys and helping us; thank you."

The boy is sponsored through Christian charity Compassion, and the boy's parents who attend Maesai Grace Church in Chiang Rai province gave thanks to God for their son's safe rescue.

They said: "Thank you to God who helps us to see our son very soon. We are so happy to hear that our son is out of the cave and to welcome him home.

"It's the love that God gives to our family. God is great love and there's nothing He can't do."

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