



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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Sunday 7th October 2018

Dear All,

The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right; his ears are open to their cries for help. . . . The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the broken hearted; he rescues those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:15, 17-18

Someone once said that when we sail through life without a trial or a sorrow, we may slide by without knowing Jesus, but in our suffering we discover true fellowship with him. God never promised us a problem-free Christian life, but this psalm gives us several assurances about how God responds to us when troubles come. He promises his watch care, his attentiveness to our cries for help, his closeness, and his deliverance. Even the fact that we are counted among "those who do right," or "the righteous," and are thus eligible to receive this promised assurance is a result of the finished work of Christ on the cross. No matter what we are going through today, these are powerful reasons for praise. So speak to God, for he hears you. And remember, when your heart is breaking, he is most close to you, and he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

Thomas De Witt Talmage a Christian writer in the 19th century wrote *God puts his ear so closely down to your lips that he can hear your faintest whisper. It is not God away off up yonder; it is God away down here, close up—so close up that when you pray to him, it is more a whisper than a kiss.*

With every blessing,

Garth

Canon Garth Nathaniel

Card Making This will be at Lynda's house on Monday 15th Oct, 12th Nov and 10th Dec. 1 - 3pm. Small charge of £3 for materials, refreshments included. Please let her know if you are coming.

Birthday Celebrations You are all invited to Stephen's 50th Birthday meal at the Foxlydiate Pub on Wednesday 5th December. Please contact Lynda if you plan on coming.

WARM Day The next WARM day is on Thursday 11th October at Holland House, Cropthorne (10.00 - 4.00). The speaker is Rev Robert Latham and his Subject is 'SOLD OUT? Seeking the authentic walk with the Holy Spirit' Cost is including lunch. Please see Rhoda Lingard if you wish to have a lift or for booking. Cost £17

Communications and Administration Officer (Part-Time)

Faith at Work in Worcestershire (FWW) has a growing ministry of helping churches reach out to those at work in Worcestershire with the Love of God through Workplace Chaplaincy. We need someone to take a lead in all aspects of communication with church and business partners; someone who has experience in maintaining websites, social media and printed materials; someone who can be self-reliant and work on their own initiative, as well as provide administrative support to trustees and our part-time Development Officer.

Based at our newly established office at Top Barn Business Centre (WR6 6NH) you will work 8 hours per week, worked on regular hours (to be decided by negotiation). Starting pay £10 - £12.50/hour, depending on experience.

For a detailed job description and an application form please contact dickjohnson@faithatwork.org.uk or phone 07946 655450.

Deadline for applications: Monday October 22nd at 12:00 noon

Registered Charity: 1176881

Churches Together In Redditch Dates

Tuesday 16th October at 7:30pm at St Peter's, Ipsley - Churches Together in Redditch Annual General Meeting; several roles will be up for re-election or new nominations; all are invited to attend.

Services

Today - Proper 22

- 10:30am Worship for Everyone with Rose Humphrey
Genesis 2:18-24 & Mark 10: 2-16
- 6:30pm Holy Communion with Revd. Richard Harding
Mark 9:1-29 'Healing'

Next Sunday - Proper 23

- 10:30am Harvest Celebrations with Revd. Garth Nathaniel followed by
lunch
Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15 & Mark 10: 17-31
- 6:30pm Evening Worship

Saturday 20th October, 10am to 4:30pm at Worcester Cathedral, the Worcester Anglican Diocese will be hosting a Festival of Healing and Wholeness (supported by our parent organisation, Churches Together in Worcestershire)

Diary dates

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

Thurs 2:30 - 4pm Afternoon Tea Service - St. John's

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

Sat 10 - 12pm Messy Church - Woodrow meeting rooms

Mon 15th Oct 1-3pm Card Making - Lynda's house

Tues 6th Nov 7:45pm DCC Meeting - St. John's

Lectionary Readings WB 02- 08 Oct

Mon Jonah 1.1-2.2, 10; Canticle: Jonah 2.2-4, 7 or Ps 69.1-6; Lk 10.25-37

Tues Jonah 3; Ps 130; Luke 10.38-end

Wed Jonah 4; Ps 86.1-9; Lk 11.1-4

Thurs Mal 3.13-4.2a; Ps 1; Lk 11.5-13

Fri Joel 1.13-15, 2.1-2; Ps 9.1-7; Lk 11.15-26

Sat Joel 3.12-end; Ps 97.1, 8-end; Lk 11.27-28

Churches Together in Redditch: This month we are praying for The Bridge at Headless Cross. As a congregation The Bridge are rejoicing and are thankful for positive feedback and the diverse and myriad mission and ministry opportunities they experience. Although they are rejoicing, they are also hurting, please pray into the difficulties and causes of sadness that they are facing together as a congregation.

Collect for the week

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 Audrey (for prayer chain) in the first instance on 01527 61505.

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.
- ❖ Those looking for work or starting new jobs
- ❖ Those who have started a new school
- ❖ MP Tracey Crouch - Minister appointed to tackle loneliness aplans of the Kingfisher Centre visiting and supporting shop workers.

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