



## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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**Sunday 9th September 2018**

Mark 16:17-18 And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name ... they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

These were among the very last words Jesus spoke to His disciples before He ascended to the Father. This month on the 27th at 7:30pm we are starting our new Healing Service called "A New Service Of Praise, Healing And Prayer." In this service we will be offering the ministry of Prayer for Healing. Our team of prayer Ministers led by Revd Ian Evans and myself, will offer prayer ministry for healing and / or other matters that weigh heavily on our souls.

I believe that the ministry of healing is the gift of God through His church. When Jesus walked on earth, a major portion of His ministry was healing. People came believing "...and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them." Matthew 4:24 He promised His disciples "Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." John 14:12.

Since last year I have felt the stirrings of the Spirit in my heart to begin to encourage the church to operate in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Having received from the churches in the parish the ministry of prayer for healing myself last year, I began to feel God was that calling us to start this new ministry. Praying and consulting together with the other clergy and ministers in the parish, we are taking this step of faith. Will you please pray for the team that will be ministering at this service. Pray that we will remain humble and righteous before the Lord. Pray that we will allow the Holy Spirit to move among us and that we would be the channels of His healing.

This is a parish ministry and the team is made up of members from all three churches in the parish. Pray for the unity of the team, and the love of God to flow through us in healing.

Bring your friends and loved ones for prayer. Many of those who were healed by Jesus were brought by others! .

Excited,

Canon Garth Nathaniel.

**Card Making** This will be at Lynda's house on Monday 10th Sept, 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.

**Invitation for all** Jennie and Jason's wedding is after the main service at 1pm today. All members of St. John's are invited.

**Youth Workers Connect** 6th October 9:15am - 2:00pm

Free training by Reign Ministries for individuals or groups already doing youth ministry, or are wanting to get started.

Please book in at **<http://ctir.church>** or email **[joshbaker90@gmail.com](mailto:joshbaker90@gmail.com)**

Churches Together is about working together.

One area of ministry we are keen to learn together about and ultimately find ways of working together in is work with young people, especially youth. So whether your church is thriving in this area, or struggling with no obvious work amongst youth at the moment you are invited. If you are interested in ministry to youth at all you are welcome. If you know someone who is working with youth please tell them about it. This event is being hosted by Oasis Christian Centre on behalf of Churches Together in Redditch.

Blessings, Rev Stephen Levett (on behalf of Churches Together in Redditch)

**Healing Service** The first monthly parish Healing Service will be held on Thursday 27th September 2018 at 7pm at St. Peters

**White Christmas** If you have booked a ticket for White Christmas, please can Rosie have your money ASAP £16 concessions, £17 for non-concessions.

**Last Night of the Proms** An evening of popular songs and music, ending with Pomp & Circumstance, Jerusalem and flagwaving.

The Friends of Saint George's Church invite you to Last Night of the Proms, an evening of popular songs and music performed by Opera Worcester (formerly Great Whitley Operatic Society) and The Magdalene Orchestra, with Conductors: Ivan Oliver & Sue Black Leader: Shulah Oliver. Dedicated to the memory of Ian Pattison and in aid of Saint George's Church Organ Restoration Fund. Tickets £12, Students £8, Under 16s free. Tickets available on the door or phone 01905 28045. Licensed bar, drinks can be preordered. Where: Saint George's Church Barbourne Worcester 22nd September 7.30pm contact 1 fjhsilvey@aol.com

## Services

### **Today - Proper 18**

10:30am Morning Worship with Revd. Garth Nathaniel & Rose Humphrey  
*Isaiah 35:4-7a & Mark 7:24-37*

6:30pm Evening Worship with Rose Humphrey & Peter McLaren

### **Next Sunday - Proper 19**

10:30am Morning Worship with Revd. Richard Harding  
*Isaiah 50:4-9a Mark 8:27-38*

6:30pm Evening Worship with Revd. Richard Harding

## Diary dates

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

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

**Mon 10th Sept 1-3pm** Card Making - Lynda's house

**Sun 23rd Sept 6:30pm** Churches together service - St. Peter's

**Thurs 27th Sept 7pm** Parish Healing Service - St. Peter's

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

## Lectionary Readings WB 4- 10 Sept

Mon Col 1.24-2.3; Ps 62.1-7; Lk 6.6-11

Tues Col 2.6-15; Ps 8; Lk 6.12-19

Wed Col 3.1-11; Ps 15; Lk 6.20-26

Thurs Col 3.12-17; Ps 149.1-5; Lk 6.27-38

Fri 1 Tim 1.1-2, 12-14; Ps 16; Lk 6.39-42

Sat 1 Tim 1.15-17; Ps 113; Lk 6.43-end

## Volunteering

The League of Friends at Alexander Hospital are seeking new volunteers to work in the coffee shop. If this is of interest, contact 01527 512009 email : alex-friends@nhs.net or visit <http://lof-alex.co.uk/> for more information.

## **Collect for the week**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.
- ❖ Those looking for work or starting new jobs
- ❖ Those who have started a new school
- ❖ MP Tracey Crouch - Minister appointed to tackle loneliness
- ❖ Chaplains of the Kingfisher Centre visiting and supporting shop workers.
- ❖ Parish Prayers: : Croome Close Matchborough, Abbotswood Close Winyates Green, Kempsey Close Woodrow, Woodcote Close Winyates.

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