



## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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**Sunday 16th September 2018**

Every day we surrender our lives to people we do not even know. We rely on the doctor or nurse to have the necessary training as they treat us. We get into a bus trusting the driver to know how to drive us safely to our destination. Stuck behind a slow moving bus or truck on a narrow road in the mountains of Northern Pakistan, I'd often get waved on to overtake them. Just by waving me on a complete stranger was taking complete responsibility for my physical safety. I was putting my blind faith in someone who I did not know at all.

It is hard for us to surrender our own will and control, to trust our lives without reservation to God's care. Yet the reality of this is that this decision determines the outcome of our lives. We put the faith we profess into action when we simply take God at His word. In the 12 steps to recovery, the 3rd step is to "Make a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understand Him." Paul assures us in Romans 10:9 that 'If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.'

Turning our lives over to God seems too simple but it is the hardest decision to make. Turning over the control of our lives to the Lordship of Jesus brings us into a place of great freedom, a place where we experience the love and provision of God for us, in so many ways every day of our lives on this earth and on into eternity. God calls you and me to trust Him with our lives.

Blessings,

**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.

**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

**Mayoral Civic Service** Juliet Brunner, Mayor of Redditch, invites the whole congregation to attend and celebrate with her at the Mayoral Civic Service to be held on 7th October 2018 at 10.30am St Stephen's Church Redditch.

**Afternoon Tea Service** A huge thank you to those who helped prepare, invited people or prayed. We had a lovely afternoon and vast quantities of sandwiches and cakes were eaten and gallons of tea were consumed

The next Afternoon Tea Service will be on Thursday 11th October. Invitations will be available soon.

Please start thinking about who you could invite.

**Birthday Celebrations** You are all invited to Stephen's 50th Birthday meal at the Foxlydiate Pub on Wednesday 5th December.

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

## Services

### **Today - Proper 19**

- 10:30am Morning Worship with Vicki Quarton  
*Isaiah 50:4-9a & Mark 8:27-38*
- 6:30pm Evening Worship with Revd. Ian Evans  
*Psalm 119:73-88* 'Gods word is true and wonderful'

### **Next Sunday - Proper 20**

- 10:30am Morning Worship with Revd. Garth Nathaniel  
*Jeremiah 11:18-20 & Mark 9:30-37*
- 6pm Joint Service at St. Peter's - Displays from 5pm

## Diary dates

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Lectionary Readings WB 11- 17 Sept

Mon 1 Tim 2.1-8; Ps 28; Lk 7.1-10

Tues 1 Tim 3.1-13; Ps 101; Lk 7.11-17

Wed 1 Tim 3.14-end; Ps 111.1-5; Lk 7.31-35

Thurs 1 Tim 4.12-end; Ps 111.6-end; Lk 7.36-end

Fri 1 Tim 6.2b-12; Ps 49.1-9; Lk 8.1-3

Sat 1 Tim 6.13-16; Ps 100; Lk 8.4-15

## Joint Ministries Celebration

23rd September at 6pm, at St Peters. Thank God for all the inter church teams, Messy Church, Open the Book, Redditch Foodbank, Radiate Redditch, Redditch Chaplaincies. Pray for them and find out what they do. An exhibition to showcase the projects will be held at 5pm.

### **Collect for the week**

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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: : Kenchester Close Matchborough, Berkeley Close Winyates Green. Hampton Close Woodrow, Shawbury Close Winyates.

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