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*Please pray for the people of Ukraine
and for Peace, and for the leaders of the West as they deliberate
on how to respond to the terrible unprovoked aggression of
Russia.*

*Lord of all the earth,
be present with the people of Ukraine
at this time of danger, fear, and conflict.
Grant that wise and peaceable counsels may yet prevail,
and give to all suffering nations the freedom they desire and
deserve.*

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Churchwardens

I am pleased to tell you that Richard Green and Naso Yordanov have agreed to act as Churchwardens until the next APCM. This is on the basis that a lot of the work which Brian undertook in the role is shared out so that the burden is not too great on anyone person. We will therefore be keeping the current arrangements re supporting services on Sundays and the fabric committee will manage more of the details to do with the buildings etc. Thank you to both Richard and Naso for stepping up and another big thank you to Brian for all he did for so long.

Help needed

Do you have an interest in finance or in staffing issues? The PCC are looking for people to join the finance sub-committee or staffing sub-committee. This is not very time consuming but it is very important as it helps make good decisions for the church. If you are interested in knowing more please talk to Rev Diana.

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Saturday 27th July - Giving Day.

Church will be open from 11am to 2pm for anyone who wants to respond to this invitation of generosity. Response forms are in the magazine or at the back of church. There will be some refreshments and time for fellowship and prayer.

Sunday 28th July Patronal Festival Service - 10am

Communion service followed by a picnic (Do bring your own picnic to eat, to avoid individual dietary requirements and wastage.)

We are saddened to announce the death of **John Moreton**.
A long standing member of St James' Church.
His funeral is due to be held at **Stourbridge Crematorium**
on **Tuesday 30th July at 1.30pm**

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STAY & PLAY

THURSDAY 1ST & 8TH AUGUST
10am – 12Noon
ST JAMES' CHURCH HALL

Activities for ages 0 – 11
£2 per child accompanied by an adult

Book via email; childrensworker.nw@gmail.com

Please let us know of any dietary requirements.

If anyone is free to help with refreshments, setting up, tidying away, crafts, stories or welcoming and chatting to families during the session, please contact Keri by email or phone: 07442 499029 Thank you! Keri

Bishop John's Farewell As I'm sure you are aware, Bishop John will be retiring as Bishop of Worcester at the end of September. He retires after a long and distinguished ministry as a parish priest, cathedral canon, suffragan bishop, member of the House of Lords and the Lord High Almoner, and of course seventeen fruitful years as Bishop of Worcester. He will be greatly missed, not least by myself and all those who have worked closely with him. **There will be an opportunity for us all to gather in the Cathedral and give thanks to God and to Bishop John for all he has given at 4.00pm on Sunday 29 September.** In the meantime, if you would like to contribute to a leaving gift, donations can be sent via bank transfer to The Worcester Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd, Lloyds Bank, The Cross, Worcester; Sort Code: 30 99 90; Account No: 02974040 (please use the reference BISHOP COLLECTION). Please also pray for Bishop John and H-J at this time of change, and for God's rich blessing upon them in the next stage of their Christian pilgrimage. With every good wish,
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