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St. Bartholomew's News

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Welcome to April's edition of our newsletter. We hope you and your family are well. May you find this month of Easter peaceful and joyous, and may the warmer, sunnier weather continue.

This month's Open Table will be serving their delicious lunch on Saturday 13th April at 1pm. Please see Joyce or Linda if you can help.

HAPPY EASTER!



A few words from Wendy....

LOVINGLY CRAFTED

The next 2 craft club meetings are on 6th April and 4th May. The group meets in the Church Hall at 2 pm until 4 pm and we hope you will be able to join us. Bring whatever you're working on and enjoy a couple of hours of craft and chat with a drink and cake. If you want help with anything we have people in the group who might be able to help you. The crafts people do are varied - knitting, crochet, sewing, painting, jewellery making, paper craft, etc. We hope to assemble the Church banner soon so if you have completed your section please bring that with you. We look forward to seeing you. It would be great if you could bring along a friend, too. There is a page on the website with lots of photos.

<https://www.stbartswednesbury.com/lovingly-crafted.html>

The Summer Craft Fayre will be on Saturday 15th June, 1 pm to 4 pm - please put this date in your diary.

Reminder: the craft club's charity focus this year is 'Innocent Smoothies The Big Knit' and they will donate 25p to Age UK for each smoothie sold with a hat. Please pass on knitted hats to members of the craft club or to Lynn, Joyce, Marg or Wendy in Church or at craft club. If you want more information have a look at the website.

On Facebook search for Innocent Smoothies Big Knit

Website: <http://www.thebigknit.co.uk>

OPEN THE BOOK and THE SUNDAY CLUB

Since the last newsletter our Open the Book team has continued to take dramatised stories into St John's Church of England Primary Academy and Old Park Primary school. We hope to have another Sunday Club session some time over the next couple of months. There are pages on the website for both of these teams.

<https://www.stbartswednesbury.com/open-the-book.html>

<https://www.stbartswednesbury.com/sunday-club.html>

As the Open the Book and Sunday Club teams work in children's ministry their charity focus is 'Pens for Kids' to help children around the world by removing one of the hurdles on their way to an education - the cost of a pen. The charity's mission is to unite the stationery with children in schools and orphanages overseas for whom such items are unaffordable. Please donate any old or new pens, pencils or crayons. They can be placed in the box in the coffee area of church or you can pass them on to Wendy Bird, Marg Wood, Lynn Castillo, Linda Russell, Alison O'Neill or Claire Yardley. If you know somebody who attends church and want to help us support this charity, please pass on to them to put in the box. Thank you to those who have generously donated items already. If you want more information please have a look at the charity's Facebook page or website.

On Facebook search for Pens for Kids UK


Website: <http://pensforkids.co.uk>

BELLS

A church bell in the Christian tradition is a bell which is rung in a church for a variety of ceremonial purposes and can be heard outside the building. Traditionally they were used to call worshippers to the church for a Please turn over.....

communal service and to announce times of daily prayer. In Christianity, the bell is said to represent the 'voice of God' and what a joyous sound that is. We are lucky to have a team of bellringers, led by Tower Captain Gordon Birks. Wendy has added a page to the website specifically about Bell Ringing. Do, please, have a look. <https://www.stbartswednesbury.com/bell-ringing.html>

EASTER SERVICES:



PALM SUNDAY
Sunday 14th April
8.00 am Communion and Blessing with Distribution of Palm Crosses
10.30am Parish Eucharist with Blessing and distribution of Palm Crosses

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Tuesday 16th April
10.00am Communion Service

MAUNDY THURSDAY
Thursday 18th April
7.00pm Eucharist with Foot Washing
Guest Preacher followed by Stripping of the Altars

GOOD FRIDAY
Friday 19th April
3.00pm Veneration of the Cross Service

EASTER SUNDAY
Sunday 21st April
8.00am Communion Service
10.30am Parish Eucharist

(St Georges Day - 22nd April)

Our AGM (Annual General Meeting) will be on 28th April after the 10.30am service. Please ensure you have completed your electoral roll form and handed it to Joyce BEFORE 14th April.

Notices and future ideas:

Father Mark would like to start a worship group. If you can play a musical instrument or you enjoy singing, please see him for more information.

If you are also interested in joining a worship team, please also see Father Mark if you would like to participate in leading a service here at church, or having a role in worship.

We hope to resume the Quiet Hour service in May. We will advise you nearer the date. Please speak to Father Mark if you would like more details.

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Don't forget our box in the coffee area for any non-perishable food for the Food Bank. Toiletries are also needed. All items appreciated. Please see Linda or Joyce if you want suggestions of what you could bring. Thank you.

*Thank you to those who have supplied details this month.*

Do you have any news you would like to share with everyone via this letter? Please contact me (Alison) in church. Church telephone number– **0121 556 0378 (answer machine)**

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Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/StBartsWednesbury/>

