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St. Bartholomew's News

Church Hill, Wednesbury. WS10 9DG.

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Hello, and I hope you are well.

Happy Easter!

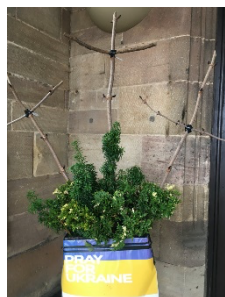
Our church entrance has a beautiful arrangement by Joyce, and Wendy has made a lovely floral "Welcome" wreath and Easter garden display. Margaret has also made a beautiful welcome banner depicting stained glass windows. Thank you to all those clever, talented craft people.

Our church services over Easter follow.

Alison

Blessed is the
one who comes
in the name
of the **LORD**.

Psalm 118.26



Our standard services:

9.00 am Sunday - Holy Communion

10.00 am Sunday - Communion Service

Thanks to those who participate in this service doing readings, prayers, singing, musical arrangements. Please contact Wendy if you feel you would like to participate in our services by doing one of the readings or saying the intercessional prayers.

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Wednesday – 9.45am Morning Prayer

10.00am Eucharist

Friday - 9.45am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion.

FOR THE TIME BEING, MID WEEK SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT THE VICARAGE. However, during Holy Week some services will be in church. Refer to our website

<https://www.stbartwednesbury.com/services.html> or Facebook page for details.

6.00 pm First Friday each month - Quiet Hour but not on Good Friday.

6 WEEK INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

"Be still and know that I am God"

Meditation is an ancient form of prayer. Its aim is to bring the distracted mind to silence and stillness, and rest in the presence of God. Even in our modern busy lives this is possible.

We invite you to come along and try this form of prayer, which is simple and peaceful.

The introductory series provides an opportunity to experience the practice of Christian Meditation in a small group, to learn about its origins, and to discover its relevance as a form of prayer for the contemporary world.



Monday mornings

Beginning 27th February for 6 weeks throughout Lent

10 am

The Vicarage, 4 Little Hill

Wednesbury, WS10 9DE

Admission is free, for more information:

Email markjdanks@yahoo.co.uk or phone 0121 556 0378



DETAILS OF OUR EASTER SERVICES FOLLOW. ALL WELCOME.

Our Mothering Sunday service was reflective and thoughtful, and thank you to Joyce for the daffodils that were shared on the day.

LENT AND EASTER SERVICES

Wednesday 22nd February 7 pm
Ash Wednesday service with Imposition of Ashes



Sunday 19th March 9 am and 10 am
Mothering Sunday



Sunday 2nd April 9 am and 10 am
Palm Sunday



Thursday 6th April 7 pm
Maundy Thursday service



Friday 7th April 3 pm
Good Friday service



Sunday 9th April 9 am and 10 am
Easter Day



A team of people came into church and gave it a good clean on Saturday 25th March. **Thank you** to all concerned as it was a mammoth task. Please let Linda or Joyce know if you would be willing to help when we do this again. If it is done more frequently, the more people that help, the easier the job will be. The church and its adornments looked so much better afterwards.

CRAFT CLUB

Our monthly meetings are on the first Saturday of each month, 2 pm to 4 pm, in the church hall. Just 50p - which helps to pay for refreshments. We hope you will be able to join us and please bring a friend. Bring with you your own craft work and enjoy a couple of hours of craft and chat.

As the next date (6th May) is the King's Coronation we will not meet on that date. So, the next meeting will probably be on Saturday 3rd June (2 pm to 4 pm).

Open Table.

We sadly cancelled the lunch for March due to some dreadful weather and the heavy snow we encountered just before the day of the planned meal. Our next Open Table may be a little later this month as there is maintenance being undertaken on the church hall roof.

All being well, (providing all building work has been completed and safe), we **hope** our next meal will be held on **Saturday April 22nd at 1pm**. Please refer to our website or Facebook page for definite information. Please let Joyce know if you are coming. Advance notice: To allow a little break, May's Open Table **may** be on 20th May. More information next month.

Some information from Sandwell Council -



Bookings are now live for Easter Holiday activities

This Easter, children aged 4-16 years who live or attend school within Sandwell can access four activity sessions that are happening in each of Sandwell's six towns from Saturday 1 April until Sunday 16 April.

Children who receive free school meals, have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP), who are looked after children or have no recourse to public funding will be given a HAF code through E-vouchers issued through schools, you can then book four free sessions and will receive a free hot meal.

Children who do not meet the eligibility criteria but are looking for activities to do during the Easter period go to [the Sandwell Holidays Activities website](https://holidayactivities.sandwell.gov.uk/).

You can also visit our [Go Play partners website](#) who provide free activities for 6-12 years right across Sandwell to search and book activities over the holidays.

[Go to our website for a list of our activities.](#)



The banner features a teal background on the left with a white house icon containing an upward arrow and the text "SUPPORTING SANDWELL WITH THE COST OF LIVING". On the right, a white background contains the Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council logo, the text "Supporting you to make the most of your money and find help if you need it", the website "www.sandwell.gov.uk/supportingsandwell", and a row of icons representing various costs: a document, a coffee cup, a lightbulb, a heart, a lightning bolt, a pound symbol, a shopping basket, and a radiator.

Work at an election

Jobs available at

- Polling stations
- The election count
- Postal vote opening



✕	No experience necessary
✕	Full training provided
✕	Get paid for your time
✕	Meet new people
✕	Takes five minutes to apply

Search

"Working at Sandwell elections" online

Sandwell Council are recruiting staff to help with the 2023 Local Elections on Thursday 4 May.

If you would like to work at a polling station or at the overnight count, we would like to hear from you.

No experience is necessary, full training is provided and you'll be paid for your time.

[Go to the Working at an Election webpage to find out more.](#)



Don't forget the Food Bank – always in need of packet foods, tins with a long shelf life, personal hygiene products etc. A list of items always required is at the back of church, along with the box to put any donations in. Joyce is our contact if you require further information. Thank you.

Our Contact details : [Tel: 0121 556 0378.](tel:01215560378)

<https://www.facebook.com/StBartsWednesbury/> or <https://www.stbartswednesbury.com>

Answers to last month's quiz are below with our next quiz. There are also some Easter quizzes.

Quiz 73 – level 2.

Questions	Answers
1. Who called to Adam in the Garden of Eden "Adam, where are you?"	God
2. What kind of plants did Rahab hide the spies under on the roof of her house?	Flax
3. What is a serpent?	A snake
4. Who was Dagon?	The chief god of the Philistines
5. What was the name of the god of the prophets who Elijah defeated on Mount Carmel?	Baal
6. What were the seraphim?	Angels
7. Which king killed all the little boys under the age of two in Bethlehem?	King Herod
8. Which of Jesus's disciples was a tax collector?	Matthew
9. In the parable, what was the woman who swept her house looking for?	A lost silver coin
10. Who wrote most of the letters in the New Testament?	Paul

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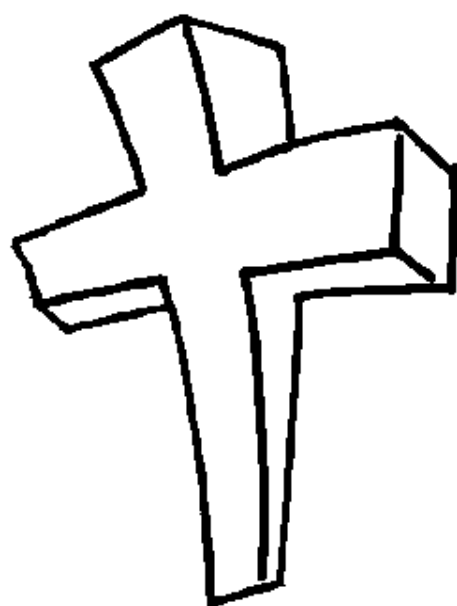
Questions	Answers
1. On which day did God create human beings?	
2. Which of Joseph's brothers was accused of stealing a silver cup?	
3. Who put a red thread in her window in Jericho?	
4. Which prophet saw a vision of God in heaven with seraphim above him?	
5. How many wing does a seraphim have?	
6. Which Jewish girl became the wife of Xeres I, King of Persia?	
7. Who climbed a tree because he was too short to see Jesus?	
8. Who was Peter talking about when he said "I do not know this man of whom you speak?"	
9. How many epistles (letters) did John write?	
10. Who was put under house arrest in Rome?	



Easter Word Search

B M A L M H B B K I N G R N R
N O I T C E R R U S E R E O O
A P O S T L E S E Y S C D I O
S E C I F I R C A S H J E T S
N S N A M O R O O R R E M A T
R C D S G T T R I I K S P V E
O Y R A M B C S S V Z U T L R
H L O V E L T E M M A S I A Y
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APOSTLES
CHRIST
CROSS
CROWN
CRUCIFIXION
HOLY
JESUS
KING
LAMB
LOVE



MARY
REDEMPTION
RESURRECTION
RISEN
ROMANS
ROOSTER
SACRIFICE
SALVATION
SAVIOR
THORNS

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Easter Anagram

Hidden Word (circled letters):



a**d**e i l n

a e l o **p** s s t

a i **o** r s v

a **m** n o r s

c c f i i i **n** o r u x

c e **e** i n o r r r s t u

e j s s u

h n o r s **t**

i c h t s r

s c o **r** s
