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St. Bartholomew's News

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Welcome to August's edition of our newsletter. Wishing you an enjoyable summer, and especially a safe and happy summer school holiday break for the children.

Many thanks to all concerned who have helped during the past few weeks within the church. This includes cleaning, flower arranging, tidying of the outside garden, participating with church services, administration work etc. It's been a busy and productive few weeks recently, and people's time is very much appreciated.

Here is our recent news.....

Quiet Hour Service This is a quiet and reflective service with times of silence, meditation and anointing, if desired. It is the ideal opportunity for you to take 'time out' and to meet with God in the silence. There is no sermon or singing. It will help you to worship God, to listen to Him and to open your heart to Him. This takes place each first Friday of the month at 6.00pm. Please see Father Mark if you require more details.

FUTURE EVENTS/NEWS.

OPEN THE BOOK - REQUEST FOR HELP Our Open the Book team are looking to recruit new members to the team to help them take dramatised Bible stories out to local schools. They are hoping to extend the team. Don't worry if you prefer not to have a speaking part in the stories. Sometimes we just need extra people to form a small crowd, religious leaders, soldiers, part of a procession, etc. You don't need to be a member of the church congregation (although you will always be welcome to join us at a service). You will, of course, need to have a DBS check done because of working with children but don't let that put you off contacting us. Please let us know if you're interested in joining the group or if you want further information.

We have had a lot of fun visiting St John's Church of England Primary Academy and Old Park Primary school during this Academic year. Please see the Church Facebook page or the website page for more details about Open the Book. (<https://www.stbartwednesbury.com/open-the-book.html>)

OPEN TABLE- PLEASE NOTE - THERE WILL BE NO OPEN TABLE LUNCH IN AUGUST.

CRAFT CLUB The next craft club meeting will be 3rd August. The group meets in the Church Hall 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 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.stbartwednesbury.com/lovingly-crafted.html>)

Rob Yardley is organizing a concert on Sunday 8th September 2019 at 6pm here in church. It will be an evening with the Sedgley Ukulele Strummers. Tickets will be £5 to include refreshments. Please see Rob for further information and to support the church on what should be an enjoyable evening.

ALL AGE WORSHIP We will be introducing an All Age service on the first Sunday of each month, **starting on 6th October 2019.** This will be an opportunity for people of all ages to come together to offer God their praise and worship. It will not just be a children's service with adults present or, indeed, an adult service with children present. The service will be aimed at all of the congregation. Please see Father Mark if you want more details.

MIDLANDS WOMEN'S CONVENTION This year's event in Solihull is on 12th October. The cost is £18 and £14 for concessions (full time students, those on benefits and pensions). 14-17 year olds cost £10.

Please turn over.....

Please complete a form if you wish to attend so that we can decide on suitable transport to the event. If we need to hire a minivan then there will be an extra cost. Forms are available from Lynn or at the back of church. The sooner we can book our places and our seminar preferences the more likely we are to get them. Please return the form to Lynn Castillo as soon as possible (or Wendy in Lynn's absence). Some of us have attended these conventions before and they are wonderful with good seminars, singing and prayers.

Did you know.....

We can do a floral arrangement in church with a suitable message if you wish to remember a loved one, or celebrate a happy event. Small arrangements/bouquets cost around £5, with larger arrangements a little more expensive, depending upon your choice of flowers. Please see Joyce or a flower arrangement team member who can advise you, (Janis, Alison O).

Church Steeple - if you want to celebrate a specific occasion such as an anniversary, birthday, memorial etc you can have the Church Steeple lit to mark the occasion at a cost of £20.

We also offer Home Communion to the housebound. Please contact Father Mark or Linda for further information.

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 or would like more information. Thank you.

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**

Church website – <https://www.stbartswednesbury.com> (*select Services and Activities for details of church services, etc*)
Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/StBartsWednesbury/>
(*There is an Event section on the church Facebook page detailing all the dates for 12 months and events will be added as appropriate.*)