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St. Bartholomew's News

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Hello, and I hope you are well.

Well at the time of compiling this it feels more like April showers than what should be a hot and sunny August! Children will be on their main school holidays and I do feel for them and their families when the weather is so wet and damp right now. Hopefully it will pick up and we can all enjoy some nice weather before this month is over.

Take care until next month. Alison



SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Sunday 6th	9 am	Parish Eucharist <small>A quiet reflective service in modern language</small>
	10 am	Feast of The Transfiguration <small>A service in modern language with singing</small>
	4 pm	Parish Eucharist <small>Eucharist at Saint Michael's, Tividale</small>
Tuesday 8th	10 am	Eucharist <small>Eucharist followed by refreshments at Saint Mark's Ocker Hill, Tipton. All welcome.</small>
Wednesday 9th	10 am	Eucharist <small>Eucharist at Saint John's, Tipton. All welcome.</small>
	12 midday	Eucharist <small>Eucharist at Saint Michael's, Tividale. All welcome.</small>
Friday 11th*	9.45 am	Morning Prayer
	10 am	Holy Communion <small>A Book of Common Prayer 1662 service.</small>

***Please Note:** this service will take place at the vicarage

*Acts 2:42 The Fellowship of the Believers
They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

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. Please check the church website for weekday services amendments as Fr Mark is now having to conduct services at other churches, also.

The listed services here indicate the services for the second week of August. Please see our website for services after this week.

<https://www.stbartswednesbury.com/services>

Please also note some services are now held as a group service with other local churches.

6.00 pm First Friday each month - Quiet Hour (at St Bartholomew's vicarage) but check the website's Service page each month.

Past events –

CRAFT CLUB

There will not be a Craft Club meeting in August. We look forward to meeting up next time which will be September 2nd 2-4 pm.

OPEN TABLE

Last month's meal took place on 8th July. Photographs below:

8th July 2023

Welcome to today's Open Table and we hope you are well.
The weather is hot so we thought today's menu would be a little more comfortable to digest in this heat! Enjoy!

PLEASE TELL ONE OF US IF YOU HAVE ANY FOOD ALLERGIES.

Today's menu:



Quiche – cheese and bacon/ham, or cheese and spring onion for vegetarians.
New potatoes, side salad, coleslaw, fresh bread roll and butter.

Dessert –

Peach sponge flan and "Quick ^{ie!} jelly" (suitable for vegetarians), with/without dream topping.

Tea / coffee / squash



August's meal takes place on the 12th, please let Joyce know if you will be attending, or if you can help on the day in any way, thank you.

Here follows some information from Sandwell Council –

Visit Sandwell's award-winning green spaces

🌳 A record-breaking **15** parks and green spaces in Sandwell have been awarded Green Flag status by Keep Britain Tidy.

👏 This is the most Green Flags that Sandwell has ever received and we'd like to say a huge thank you to all the staff, community volunteers, Friends groups and partner organisations who help make Sandwell's green spaces the wonderful places they are.

🟢 A special mention for our newest Green Flag at Fallings Heath Cemetery in Wednesbury, which has received the prestigious award for the first time.

Find out where the other 14 Green Flag sites are in Sandwell via their website.



Are you planning a trip away this summer? ☀️

The holiday season can result in more food waste than usual when food isn't used up before people head away for a break.

💡 Save money and prevent food ending up in the bin with these top tips:

👁️ Check your fridge and cupboards the week before going away and plan meals around what needs using up.

🛒 Doing small shops the weeks before you go on holiday may help you avoid overfilling your fridge and cupboards before going away.

❄️ Freeze any food that won't be eaten before you go, it will help reduce food waste and save you a trip to the shops when you get back!

♀️ If there are still foods that won't be eaten or frozen, why not offer them to family, friends or neighbours?

🚗 Planning a staycation? Take some of the food that needs using up ... perfect for a picnic on the journey!

Some information from WM Police –

Antisocial behaviour: how to get help

Find out how to get support if you or someone you know is a victim of antisocial behaviour.

Recognise antisocial behaviour

Antisocial behaviour includes criminal and non-criminal behaviour. This could be:

- threatening, harassing or unruly behaviour such as drunkenness and loitering in public spaces
- drug use – and the mess and disruption that can go with it
- vandalism, graffiti, fly-tipping and littering
- disruptive neighbours consistently playing loud music or letting their dog bark all night

However, it is important to note that the below would not constitute antisocial behaviour:

- Normal conversation or household noise (neighbours walking round, cupboard doors closing, washing machines/vacuums or lawnmowers during reasonable hours) heard through walls or floors Noises travelling through ceilings or walls.
- Cats – Which by nature are used to roaming and cannot be restricted from entering a neighbour's garden.
- Babies or young children crying.
- Children playing in or around their own home, in the street, or in the park, and not causing damage, being abusive, or being excessively noisy.
- Playing of games including football in gardens or in the street, unless it leads to damage or continual intrusion into other people's gardens.
- Children falling out with each other.
- People, including young people, gathering and socialising in the street – unless they are causing damage, being abusive or threatening, or being excessively noisy.
- One off parties or barbeques - unless they are causing damage, being abusive or threatening, or being excessively noisy

- Normal vehicle noise.
- Parking disputes – unless associated with threats of physical violence threats to damage property, verbal abuse.

Report antisocial behaviour

There are different ways to report antisocial behaviour.

If you or someone else is in immediate danger, call 999 and ask for the police.

Call 101 to report a non-emergency incident to the police. You can also report antisocial behaviour use [Home | West Midlands Police \(west-midlands.police.uk\)](https://www.west-midlands.police.uk)

Local council

Check your local council's website to find out what types of antisocial behaviour you can report. This could include:

- vandalism
- graffiti
- dumped rubbish
- rowdy neighbours
- abandoned cars
- persistent dog barking
- alcohol related nuisance

Report to Sandwell Council use [Sandwell Council Homepage](#)

Your housing provider - council or housing association tenants

If you or your neighbours are having problems in your building, report it to your council or housing association.

Your housing provider should have told you how to report antisocial behaviour. If not, call them and ask to speak to their antisocial behaviour team.

Your housing provider - private tenants

If the antisocial behaviour is caused by someone with whom you are sharing a house in a private tenancy, report this to your landlord.

What do to when a property is vacant

Let the local council know use [Empty properties | Sandwell Council](#)

Crimestoppers

If a crime has been committed, you can [report it anonymously to Crimestoppers](#).

If you're not sure who to contact

Use the [Act Now! Guide](#) to help you decide who you should report the problem to.

Get support and advice

These organisations can give advice on antisocial behaviour in England and Wales:

[ASB Help](#)

[Victim Support](#)

[Victim Support in Wales](#)

[Our Watch](#)

Find out what the government is doing to tackle antisocial behaviour

Read the [Anti-social Behaviour Action Plan](#) which sets out what the government is doing to support local action to reduce antisocial behaviour.

Nominate a [community payback initiative in your area](#).

Read more about [the punishments for antisocial behaviour](#).

If you report antisocial behaviour, you can expect an agreed level of service as described in the [anti-social behaviour principles](#). The principles set out a consistent approach to dealing with antisocial behaviour in local communities.

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).

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Love is patient, love is kind. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:4, 7

*Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.” – **Albert Einstein***

Answers to last month's quiz are below with our next quiz.

Quiz 77 – level 3

Questions	Answers
1. What does the word "Bible" mean?	The Books
2. What was Moses given on Mount Sinai that makes it sacred for Jews and Christians?	The 10 Commandments
3. Who were the first twins in the Bible?	Jacob and Esau
4. What unusual souvenir did Naaman take back to Syria?	Earth from Israel
5. Which wild animal appears most often in the Bible?	The lion
6. Which city was nicknamed "the city of palm trees?"	Jericho
7. Which doctor wrote 2 books in the New Testament?	Luke: he wrote Luke and Acts
8. How many times was Paul shipwrecked?	Three
9. Who had a vision of a sheet full of animals?	Peter
10. Where in the Bible does it say that Heaven has gates made from pearls?	In the book of Revelation

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Questions	Answers
1. Which is the first building mentioned in the Bible?	
2. How many spies did Moses send into Canaan?	
3. What valuable fruit did Solomon compare to good advice?	
4. Who used a stone for a pillow?	
5. Which prophet experienced an earthquake, a strong wind and a fire all in one day?	
6. Which is the only talking bird on the Bible?	
7. What was special about a fish that Peter once caught?	
8. Who taught in the Temple in Jerusalem when he was only 12?	
9. Who spent a whole day and night floating in the sea after a shipwreck?	
10. Who saw a sea of glass?	