



**December 2018**

**St. Bartholomew's News  
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*Thank you to those who have supplied details this month. Bumper edition for December! [3 Pages for you!](#)*

**LOVINGLY CRAFTED CLUB**

Our Christmas Craft Fayre on Saturday 3rd November was a huge success. The stallholders had some lovely items for sale and we had a lot of visitors. Thank you to everybody who came to the fayre. Thanks, also, to those of you who helped in some way - refreshments, raffle, decorating the room etc.

Somebody mentioned that it might be a good idea to make dog coats (knitted, crocheted or sewn). She thought a lot of customers with dogs might be interested in something like this. There are free patterns online if you are able to make a couple for our next Craft Fayre. This looks like a good link for downloadable patterns:

<https://blog.loveknitting.com/top-5-free-dog-sweater-knitting-patterns/>

If you don't have the facilities to download and print patterns please let Wendy know and she will do that for you.

Our next Craft Club meeting is on Saturday 1st December 2-4 pm in the Church Hall. Only 50p and that includes a drink and cake. We will have mini mince pies, chocolate roll and Christmas cupcakes. Also, Donna Holden (one of our stallholders) is popping in with some fragranced Melts if you want to purchase any for Christmas. (A few of you had expressed an interest that you would like some.) One of them smells like JOOP aftershave. We hope you will be able to join us for our last meeting this year. We wish all of our members a very Happy Christmas.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SUNDAY CLUB**

Please tell your friends, family and neighbours who have young children about our Sunday Club on **2nd December 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm** at the church hall. This will be an early Christmas fun session with treats. There will be a 'never seen before' Nativity, craft activities and music.

The last **Healing Mass** service scheduled for **Friday 7th December has been CANCELLED**. Apologies.

**Open Table** will be serving their delicious Christmas lunch at 1pm on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Could you help our lunch team please (once a month)? Either in the preparation of the meal in the kitchen, or serving, or help tidying up afterwards? Open Table provides a much welcomed service to the people who attend, and friendships have developed for many lonely people. It is rewarding, but I'm sure you will appreciate it is hard work providing a 2 course meal and a hot drink to approximately 40 people. The saying "many hands make light work" is very apt, and any extra volunteers would be most welcome. Please see Linda or Joyce for further information. Thank you.

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**Please note the Brewood Singers Concert on the 11<sup>th</sup> December has been CANCELLED, apologies.** Take a look at what we will be doing throughout December and the Christmas period. Details of dates and events below. This is an ideal opportunity to invite friends, neighbours or family to church, and it would be lovely to see as many people as possible attending. There is something for everyone, all welcome. Thank you.



**Sunday 2nd December 2.30 pm**  
Christmas Sunday Club in Church Hall

**Thursday 6th December**  
Christmas Tree arriving at Church

**Friday 7th December 2 pm**  
Carol Singing at Bartholamew Lodge Nursing Home

**Saturday 8th December 9.30 am**  
Decorating the Christmas Tree

**Sunday 9th December 3 pm**  
Christingle Service

**Thursday 13th December 10 am**  
Carol Singing at Parklands

**Sunday 16th December 6 pm**  
Christmas Carol Service

**Monday 17th December 2 pm**  
Holyhead Primary School Carol Service in Church

**Friday 21st December 10 am**  
St John's C of E Primary Academy's Service in Church

**Monday 24th December 3 pm**  
Children's Crib Service

**Monday 24th December 11.30 pm**  
Midnight Mass

**Tuesday 25th December 10 am**  
Christmas Day Service

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**Sunday Club**

For children of all ages

**Sunday 2nd December 2.30-4.00 pm**

**Christmas-themed celebration**

**CHRISTMAS**

Lots of fun and some treats

**In St Bartholomew's Church Hall (next to the British Legion)**

We would like parents to stay, please. Please bring younger brothers and sisters.



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**Did you know.....**Our pastoral team visit local care homes providing a short service of worship and communion if required? The team can also visit individuals in their own homes if they are unable to come to church, (for whatever reason). This not only can provide comfort but the person also feels part of our Christian family, and that they have been remembered and included in our thoughts and prayers. Please see Linda or a member of the Pastoral Team if you know of anyone who would benefit from this service.

I cannot close this newsletter without mentioning Father Mark. For those who may not know, he is currently not available for church duties for at least 2 months due to personal circumstances. We wish him well, and we pray for him and our church. I would also like to thank wardens Malcom and Donald for all the hard work and commitment they have given to this church. Please continue to support one another and St. Bartholomew's.

WE WISH ALL OF YOU A WONDERFUL, JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.  
GOD'S BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL.

Church telephone number– **0121 556 0378 (answer machine)**

Church website – <https://www.stbartswednesbury.com> (select Services and Activities for details of our 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.)

