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St. Bartholomew's News

Issue no. 38

Church Hill, Wednesbury. WS10 9DG.

Welcome to our church newsletter for December. We hope that you, your family, and loved ones are well.



At the time of writing this edition, we are praying with anticipation that we can all have some sort of Christmas with our family and loved ones. We are hopeful that lockdown number 2 has prevented more Covid cases, but the news changes daily, as do the tiers, the restrictions, the arguments for and against lockdown etc. so I can only say I pray this will all be worth it. Strict Covid measures are still being undertaken, (face masks, social distancing everywhere including in church, sanitising). Update about our services are on the next page of this newsletter.

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C H R I S T M A S
P A R C E L A P P E A L
2ND NOVEMBER- 6TH DECEMBER

DONATION TYPE:

- FOOD- NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS (TINS, PASTA, CEREAL ETC)
- TOILETRIES- (TOOTHBRUSHES, SHAMPOO, SANITARY PRODUCTS ETC)
- BOXES- TO STORE FOOD IN
- WRAPPING PAPER
- TOYS/CHRISTMAS PRESENTS
- CHRISTMAS CARDS
- DONATIONS TOWARDS THE COLLECTION

*****ALL DONATIONS MUST BE NEW AND PACKAGED TO ENSURE COVID SAFETY*****

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OPENING HOURS:
MON- 11AM-8PM
TUE- 11AM-8PM

COLLECTION AVAILABLE:
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY

ALL NON CONTACT

Whilst sadly there was no usual Remembrance Sunday service and walk to the cenotaph, we had a thoughtful service on November 8th. We will remember them.

CHRISTMAS PARCEL APPEAL

Wednesbury 2000 are launching a Christmas Parcel appeal so that they can reach out to those families in our community who are most in need. We know how important it is that all children feel the magic at Christmas and Wednesbury 2000 believes nobody should go without.

During this COVID period many people in our local community are experiencing difficulty providing basic necessities, so we are appealing to you for donations to help Wednesbury 2000 to make up their parcels.

All information and contact details for the organisation are on the poster. If you want to donate or volunteer then please contact them or follow the information on the poster.

If you are a family in need or know of a family in need, then please contact Wednesbury 2000 to receive a box. All correspondence is confidential and abides by Data Protection laws.

Please share this to get the message to as many people as possible.

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PLEASE NOTE: This parcel appeal project was arranged prior to the new lockdown restrictions being announced, so the opening hours on the poster attached are different from what has been posted across their social media. This appeal started on Monday 9th November (not 2nd as shown on the poster). The new opening hours are Monday and Tuesday 11 am to 8 pm from 9th November to 6th December.

Thank you to all those who donated for our Harvest last month. The Food Bank needs produce throughout the year, so all items, at any time, are much appreciated. Tinned products, packet goods, toiletries, cereals, biscuits, baby items are always on the wanted list, but please see Linda or Joyce for further information. You can bring in to church or take to the Food Bank in Wednesbury. Their opening times are **Wednesday 10 am to 3 pm** and **Friday 1 pm to 7 pm**.

I also have the sad news to announce that Brian Broome, a former church warden and vergier of this church for many years, passed away a few weeks ago. Over the years, he worked very hard supporting St. Bartholomew's. He knew so much about this church and its history. He had unfortunately been ill for some time. I will miss him and his sense of humour, and I'm sure many of you will miss him too. God bless Brian, and thank you.

We will return to the communion service in church on Sunday mornings from 6th December. The format of worship will remain the same as it was before the national lockdown- one at 9am and the second at 10am.

However, numbers will still be restricted in each service and your place will have to be reserved to ensure we don't exceed that number. Those who have been attending so far will continue to have their space reserved. If you haven't already reserved your place, please email Fr Mark. You can do this by completing the form on the Contact Us page. Use this [link](#) to take you directly to that page. If you don't receive a reply, please use the telephone number on the same page.

Have you a positive story about Covid/lockdown to share? Please let me know if you have. Wendy and Father Mark are still working hard with their updates on the church website and Facebook, thank you both.*(If you don't know Fr Mark's email address, please complete the Contact Us [form](#) on the website and it will go to him).

No news yet regarding the Craft Club or Open table. We will advise when we have any more updates **on Facebook and website**. Each week Wendy posts the daily and weekly Prayers, Bible passages and Notices on Facebook and the relevant website pages.

Contact : **Tel:0121 556 0378.**

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

The answers to last month's quiz are on the next page, and the next challenge also follows. I hope they have been of interest.

Whatever your circumstances, I wish you and your family a happy, peaceful and safe Christmas. Let's pray there will be an end to all our Covid problems very soon.



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Quiz 46 – level 2.

Questions	Answers
1. What roasted meat did the Israelites eat the night before they escaped from Egypt?	Lamb
2. Who became the first High Priest of Israel?	Aaron
3. Who was killed by a tent peg hammered into his forehead?	Sisera
	
4. Where did Ruth go with Naomi, her mother in law?	Bethlehem
5. What did Jeremiah smash to illustrate his message to the people?	A large pot
6. Who was wrapped in “swaddling clothes”?	The baby Jesus
7. In what form did the Holy Spirit appear to Jesus?	A dove
 8. Who did Jesus bring back to life after he had been dead for four days?	Lazurus
9. Who said “I am the resurrection and the life?”	Jesus
10. What fruit did Jesus say can't be picked from a bramble bush?	Grapes





Quiz 47 – level 2.

Questions	Answers
1. How long did Jacob work for Laban so that he could marry his daughter Rachel?	
2. What was the name of Rachel's sister?	
3. What was made of bulrushes daubed with pitch?	
4. What were the trumpets which the Israelites blew at Jericho made of?	
5. How long was Moses up the mountain getting the 10 commandments?	
6. Which book of the bible has the shortest name?	
7. Who did Ruth marry?	
8. Who lived on locusts and wild honey?	
9. Who said "What I have written, I have written"?	
10. What was the profession of Saul of Tarsus?	