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St. Bartholomew's News

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Church Hill, Wednesbury. WS10 9DG.



Welcome to February's edition of our newsletter.

OUR REGULAR SERVICES:

Sunday 8.00am – Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 10.30am – Parish Eucharist (including hymns).

Tuesday 10.00am – Communion – short service.

First Sunday of each month at 10.30am – All Age Service, all age family service including uniformed organisations. Open The Book Team also perform.

Coffee, tea and light refreshments after these services – can you help serve these drinks please? Just a few minutes after the service when some of the congregation stay for a drink and chat. Please see Father Mark, Linda or Alison.

First Friday each month – 6.00pm Quiet Hour, reflective prayer and meditation. **QUIET HOUR RESUMES ON 7TH FEBRUARY 2020.**

Memorial Services – Sundays 6.00pm - 3 times a year, announced few weeks before each service.

Please contact Father Mark or a church warden if you have any queries regarding our services.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES/GROUPS' NEWS

OPEN THE BOOK The team visited St John's C of E Primary Academy twice during January to deliver the stories of 'The Centurion's Servant' and 'The Kind Stranger' and they will be visiting Old Park Primary for the first time this year on 6th February.



As a group working in children's ministry, during 2019 we supported the charity 'Pens for Kids'. We were pleased to send a number of parcels comprising pens, pencils, felt tip pens, rulers, erasers, crayons, etc to Cameroon, Ghana, Sierra Leone and Malawi. **Thank you to everybody who donated so generously.** We hope that more children will not be deprived of the basic materials needed to have an education. We will be supporting Barnardo's this year and we are pleased that Claire Gwynne will be visiting us in March to talk briefly about the charity.

CRAFT CLUB. The Craft Fayres have not been booked yet as we have been waiting for all work to be completed in the church hall. The first meeting of 2020 will be on 1st February, 2 pm to 4 pm, and will then be on the first Saturday each month (see all dates below). Bring whatever you're working on and enjoy a couple of hours of 'craft and chat' with a drink and cakes. The crafts that people do are varied - knitting, crochet, sewing, painting, jewellery making, paper craft, etc. We look forward to seeing you and it would be great if you could bring along a friend, too. The dates for 2020 are:

1 st February	7 th March	4 th April	2 nd May	6 th June	4 th July
1 st August	5 th September	3 rd October	7 th November	5 th December	

Please check the website and Facebook page for information that is updated regularly.
<https://www.stbartwednesbury.com/lovingly-crafted.html> or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lovinglycrafted.stbarts/>

Please turn over....

2. **OPEN TABLE:** At the time of compiling this newsletter, the building work has almost finished down in the church hall/kitchen. Please look out for the next delicious meal (which will hopefully be very soon). Date will be confirmed in this newsletter, in church, or via the willing helpers who work so hard cooking and serving the food. We look forward to it.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS. We hope to have a talk by local historian Ian Bott on Sunday 8th March. More news to follow on this event.

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Also, we are pleased to tell you that we will be holding a concert in church on Saturday, 4th July 2020 at 7 pm (see poster). Sovereign Brass has performed at prestigious venues across the country such as Symphony Hall (Birmingham), The Royal Albert Hall (London) and the Lowry Centre (Manchester). Now they will be performing at our church! They have performed on Radio 5 Live and have also recorded sessions for BBC Radio 2's 'Listen to the Band' as well as having appeared in the BBC TV series 'Dangerfield' and headlined at the BBC Midlands 'Mad About Music' festival. In addition, they have taken part in championships and have titles including the French Open Champions, Midlands Area Champions (2005), and Harry Mortimer Memorial Champions of Great Britain (2008).

WEEKLY POSTS ON FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE. Each week Wendy posts the weekly Prayers, Notices, Quote of the Week and Photo of the Week on Facebook and the relevant website pages. Regarding the Prayers, can you check the names on the list please? If you know the people listed are no longer ill please let us know. Many of those names have been on the list for many months. Also, if you need our prayers please let Father Mark know.

If you wish to remember a loved one, at a small cost we can organise floral arrangements, or have the church illuminated. We also have a Pastoral Group visiting local care homes, and those who need our help. We also help with the Wednesbury Food Bank – donations appreciated. Please ask Father Mark or a church member for information.

Please let me (Alison) know if you would like anything included in our church newsletter.

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).