



January 2019 St. Bartholomew's News Issue no. 16

Church Hill, Wednesbury. WS10 9DG.

Thank you to those who have supplied details this month.



Firstly, Happy New Year to you all! Hope you had a lovely Christmas.

A great big **THANK YOU** to all who have helped over the Christmas period. There are too many to mention individually, but heartfelt thanks to all those who contributed. Help has been appreciated in many ways, for example, putting up the large church Christmas tree and decorating it, serving a beautiful Christmas lunch at Open Table, organising Christmas services (children's club, Christingle, carol service, school visits, Children's crib service), serving refreshments at services, baking, doing readings, singing carols in the local care homes etc. and all those who helped "behind the scenes". We have all worked hard together and supported one another to provide a varied programme of services and activities for all ages. Many thanks, and I would particularly like to thank John for playing the organ at the carol service. How beautiful it was to hear the organ again in our church. Everyone's efforts throughout December were appreciated.

SUNDAY CLUB

The Sunday Club had a successful meeting on 2nd December. The children enjoyed doing some crafts and then took part in a Nativity 'with a difference', called The New Noisy Neighbour. A mouse was a central character to the story. Please watch out for future events using future newsletters or checking out the website or Facebook page.

OPEN TABLE

The Open Table lunches in 2019 are as follows:

January - there is NO lunch this month

9th February

9th March

13th April

□ 11th May □

8th June

6th July

10th August

11th September

12 October

9th November

14th December

Open Table served a delicious Christmas lunch on the 15th December. It was well attended, and everyone enjoyed the meal and got into the Christmas spirit. **Please note: there will not be an Open Table lunch in January 2019.** The next meal will be February 9th. New helpers appreciated. Please see Linda or Joyce if you can assist.

Please turn over.....

LOVINGLY CRAFTED



The Craft Club meets once a month in the Church Hall, 2 pm to 4 pm. The dates for 2019 are listed below. Everybody is welcome to join them. Just take whatever craft you're working on and enjoy 2 hours of craft and chat. Only 50p and you will get a drink and cake. The dates of the Craft Fayres are still to be confirmed but it's possible the Spring Fayre will be in April or May and the Christmas Craft Fayre will probably be on 2nd November. News about this will be posted once the diary has been checked.

5th January
2nd February
2nd March
6th April
4th May
1st June
6th July (the Open Table lunch will be on the same day, due to the Carnival being on their usual date of 13th July, so we might start Craft Club at 2.15 pm on that date)
3rd August
7th September
5th October
2nd November
7th December

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.

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 (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.)