

January 2023

# St. Bartholomew's News

Church Hill, Wednesbury. WS10 9DG.

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*I hope you all had a lovely Christmas, and very best wishes for the New Year. So, 2023? It seemed strange just creating this newsletter and typing it in at the top. Where did last year go? I hope it was kind to you, and we can hope for better things for our new year. Covid is still lingering on so we still need to take care of ourselves and be cautious.*

*This newsletter will consist of more photographs than normal as December was a busy month for us and I'd like to share some of the photos of the events. They look better in colour so if you are reading this on a black and white paper copy, have a look on our wall board in the porch at church, or on the board in the church hall entrance (or look on our website's Photo of the Week page).  
Alison*

### **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.

Wednesday – 9.45am Morning Prayer

10.00am Eucharist

Friday - 9.45am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion.

**FOR THE TIME BEING, MID WEEK SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT THE VICARAGE**

6.00 pm First Friday each month - Quiet Hour

## **CRAFT CLUB MEETINGS**

Our monthly meetings are on the first Saturday of each month, 2 pm to 4 pm, in the church hall. Just 50p - which helps to pay for refreshments. We hope you will be able to join us and please bring a friend. Bring with you your own craft work and enjoy a couple of hours of craft and chat.

There will not be a meeting in January so the next meeting will be on Saturday 4th February 2023.

It was decided not to meet in January when the weather might be bad or very cold.

With very best wishes

Lynn and Wendy

**For anyone who didn't visit church during December, it was beautifully decorated with many crafts made by members of the Craft Club, (and others associated with church or by some people from a different craft group). Thank you to those who made such lovely items and for your time and talent to help our church look so festive and special.**

**Lots of photos of the decorated church can be found on our website. I include just a small section as space allows.**





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

*Today's menu:*

Roast turkey & homemade stuffing, slice of roast pork, roast potatoes, pigs in blankets, sprouts, parsnips, honey glazed carrots, gravy, cranberry sauce.

Vegetarian option – Quorn chicken roast, vegetarian sausage and vegetables as above.

Non-alcoholic wine.

Dessert – mince pies or chocolate chip panettone, Either with custard or cream.

Tea / coffee / squash with mint chocolates.

We have recently been inspected by Sandwell Environmental Health, and we are pleased to announce that Open Table were awarded the highest grade of 5, which is excellent for us, and for you, our diners.



**Please note: there will be no Open Table in January 2023.**  
*The weather can be cold and icy and it's risky for people to come out. The next Open Table will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Please let Joyce know if you are coming, thank you.*

**Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. We look forward to seeing you in 2023.**



*Linda and Alison.*



**Open Table - 10th December 2022**

There were around 40 diners at our traditional Christmas meal, (the number did go up and down a little!). Photos below and menu to the left. It was a lovely atmosphere and we hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did. Thank you to everyone who helped, and a big thank you to everyone who has helped us throughout the year. Much appreciated.

No meal in January !!

**Next meal  
11<sup>th</sup> February  
2023.**





### Friday 16th December 2022



**INTERFAITH CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** Marg, Linda, Wendy, Lynn and Jacqui welcomed some of our female friends from the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association at the Baitul Muqet Mosque in Walsall, as well as a lady from Pleck Baptist Church, on Friday 16th December. The ladies brought with them delicious samosas, vegetarian sandwiches and spicy rolls. We provided drinks and cake. It was lovely to eat and chat with them. They loved the church all decorated for Christmas. We swapped gifts before they went. We look forward to continuing our friendship in the New Year.

**THE CAROL SERVICE** on Sunday 18th December was lovely.

We were joined by Suzie's Singers Community Choir (that practises in our church each Monday evening).

There was a wonderful solo performance by one of the choir members and Jacqueline Burke played a flute solo, too.

Refreshments were served after the service. Thank you to those of you who attended.

Photos of this event are on our website too (on the Photo of the Week page).

Our two Christmas Eve services were well attended with a lovely atmosphere too. There was also a service on Christmas Day morning to celebrate Jesus's birth.

Normal services at the usual times of 9 am and 10 am resume on New Year's Day.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION:** In the near future a weekly Christian meditation group will be starting in the parish. The day and time is yet to be decided but if this is of interest to you, then please do let Fr Mark know. For further details regarding Christian meditation please visit the website of the World Community of Christian Meditation at <https://wccm.org>.

Learn from the past and use it as a tool  
to start another year without fear.

With God as our Leader,  
 may we be prepared to live  
 another year under His guidance.

Make it a point to start each day  
 of this New Year with a prayer.  
 It works wonders.  
 Happy New Year!

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

### **Quiz 70 – level 2.**

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Answers</b>
1. Complete the sentence “an eye for an eye and a ----- for a -----“	Tooth for a tooth
2. Which Old Testament character is often described as “the Law-giver”?	Moses
3. What are messengers of God called in the Bible?	Angels
4. Who entertained angels unawares?	Abraham
5. Which 2 books of the Bible are named after women?	Ruth and Esther
6. Who threatened the life of the prophet Elijah?	Queen Jezebel
7. What did Jesus say would help people to “move mountains?”	Faith
8. Which Christian festival celebrates the birth of Jesus?	Christmas
9. Which disciple had the name beginning with the letter B?	Bartholomew
10. Who had brothers called James, Joses, Judas and Simon?	Jesus

### **Quiz 71 – level 2.**

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Answers</b>
1. What was the “forbidden fruit?”	
2. Who ate the forbidden fruit?	
3. In which story would you find gnats, locusts, and flies?	
4. What did King Jehoiakim burn?	
5. Who asked “Can these bones live?”	
6. What is the last word of the Old Testament?	
7. What is a disciple?	
8. How many of the disciples had names beginning with the letter J?	

9. Apart from the lions, who was in the den of lions with Daniel?	
10. How did Jesus help a centurion?	

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