

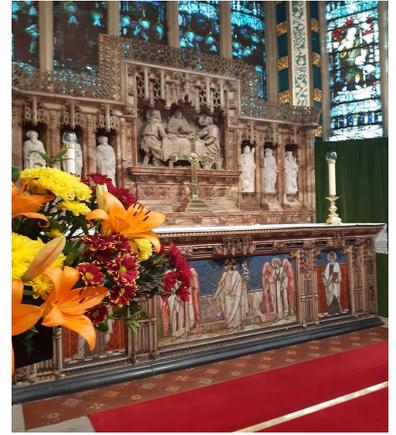
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# St. Bartholomew's News

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



So here comes July and we are well into a summer which has had beautiful sunny weather, but it has been a little mixed lately. Although the next stage of lifting lockdown restrictions has been delayed, I hope you have been able to go out a little more, perhaps a day trip? Or even a break in the UK? It does raise hope in better things to come and a change of scene and fresh air always boosts the spirit. I hope you can all experience that, if you haven't already. Fingers crossed that the next stage of restrictions will be lifted towards the end of July.

I know many won't like this when I say "I'm glad the Euros football is almost over...." To be honest, I'd had enough after the first 2 day ..... you will gather I'm not a football fan. So there has also been live football, replays and match discussion, cricket, motor racing and horse racing, but hopefully if the weather holds, the next couple of weeks will be Wimbledon. Makes a nice change, and I always think it's the unofficial start to the UK summer.



Thanks again to Mario and the Gill family for their musical accompaniment at our 9.00am and 10.00am services. We welcome new and "old" faces back to our church.

**PLEASE NOTE** that if you or anyone that you have been in contact with have displayed any symptoms then **PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND CHURCH**. We shall maintain our Covid-safe environment for some time with sanitising, social distancing and face masks being compulsory. It's still hands, face, space and don't forget the fresh air too!

Belated happy birthday to Father Mark whose birthdays was in June. Hope you had a lovely day. Please let me know if you would like to share your birthday or special occasion with us and as a congregation we can send you our best wishes. It's good to share some happy news and events!

**Would you like to say Thank You to someone?**

Sandwell MBC are taking part in the country's biggest ever [Thank You Day on Sunday 4 July](#). I'm sure we all have different people to thank, from family members to key workers, from good neighbours to volunteers. Sandwell MBC have already received stories from residents and communities across Sandwell.

If you would like to share your story, or thank your Covid-19 hero, please email [marketing\\_publicity@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:marketing_publicity@sandwell.gov.uk) The closing date for you to send your stories and selfies is Thursday 1 July – sorry I've not given you much notice! To find out more details, take a look at [www.sandwell.gov.uk/thankyou](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/thankyou).



## **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES:**

Can you pass on your boxes to Joyce Turner please? Thank you.

## CRAFT CLUB REQUEST :

The craft club would be grateful for help in making any or all of the following please:

- (1) FLOWERS to decorate the porch and the walls leading up to the church. **This is our first project but if you can help with the following also, we would be delighted.**
- (2) POPPIES to decorate the gate and porch of the church in November.
- (3) SMALL ANGELS and CHRISTMAS ITEMS (e.g. holly, mini Christmas trees, nativity figures, etc) in readiness for Christmas 2021.

Please have a look at the Craft Club [page](#) (using this link) for more information and links to websites for free patterns. If you can help, please let us know if you wish us to collect them by messaging Wendy on Messenger ([m.me/StBartsWednesbury](https://m.me/StBartsWednesbury)). Thank you.

**Used stamps wanted:** Did you know the Bible Society can raise money from used stamps? Please send your used stamps to **Bible Society, Stamp Appeal, Post Room, Stonehill Green, Westlea, Swindon SN5 7DG.**

**Don't forget the Food Bank if you wish to donate any tinned/packet foods to help those who really need them. 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.** Joyce is our contact if you require more information.



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).



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## **WEEKLY PRAYERS (27th June-3rd July)** (other weekly prayers are available on the church website)

Lord our God, help us to be holy as you are holy and free us from all the earthly things that try to torment us. Grant us your Spirit so that we do what is right. May we always hold your hand confidently. Protect your children everywhere on earth and help them do what is right even if the whole world does what is wrong. Help us, so that all we do becomes holy and pleasing in your sight. Let your grace grow among us and among the nations and let your hand be strong to bring in your day - your day when everything is made new. May your name be kept holy, your kingdom come, and your will be done on earth as in heaven. Amen

Take care and God bless.

Answers to last month's quiz are below, and our next quiz follows:

## **Quiz 52 – level 2.**

Questions	Answers
1. What is the name of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> son of Adam and Eve? 	Seth
2. Who said "I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field"?	Goliath to David

3. How did David show Saul how close he had come to killing him?	He cut off a piece of Saul's robe
4. What kind of wood was used to build Solomon's temple?	Cedar and cypress timber
5. What were the disciples able to do after the Holy Spirit had come to them?	Speak in many different languages
6. What kind of animal was sacrificed when Elijah took on the prophets of Baal?	A bull
7. Which Queen gave Solomon a gift?	The Queen of Sheba
8. Who was called "the disciple who Jesus loved"?	John
	
	9. Who did Jesus invite to come and have breakfast?
10. Which disciple was a twin?	Thomas
	The disciple on the seashore

## Quiz 53 – level 2.

Questions	Answers
1. Which is the longest book in the Bible?	
2. Which creatures first plagued the Egyptians?	
3. What did God do to stop the people building the Tower of Babel?	
4. Who was born holding on to his brother's heel?	
5. Who was tricked by his uncle into marrying the wrong woman?	
6. What was wrong with the water at Marah?	
7. Where in the Bible does it say "A wise son hears his father's instruction"?	
8. What was the full name of the writer of the Gospel of Mark?	
9. Did Joseph's brothers dump him in a pit or in the sea?	
10. Which religious leaders did Jesus call hypocrites?	

