

July 2023

# St. Bartholomew's News

Church Hill, Wednesbury. WS10 9DG.

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*Hello, and I hope you are well.*

*July already and the children will soon be finishing their current academic year and they will start their 6 week school summer holidays. Let's hope they can enjoy some happy, carefree times, whether away on holiday or staying at home. A well-earned rest for the teachers too.*

*Not so good news is that the refuse collectors have still not completely agreed a resolution with their strike. Let's hope our bins will be emptied this week? I hope I can move my bins from the pavement, they are driving me mad.*

*I'm looking forward to spending time down our caravan in Wales, long walks with the dog, fresh sea air and nature at its best.*

*Take care until next month. 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. Please check the church website for weekday services amendments.

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

6.00 pm First Friday each month - Quiet Hour

### **Past events –**

#### **CRAFT CLUB**

What a lovely atmosphere at our monthly craft group on 3rd June. There were 15 people there; some were our regulars and a couple of people who hadn't been for a while. Also, we had 5 new people, so welcome to Lainey, Shan, Nat, Silvina and Gab.

The next meeting will be on **Saturday 1st July**. We look forward to seeing you then. Hopefully Lynn, Mario and Marg will be there, too.

#### **WEDNESBURY DAY**

As part of the activities going on during the day on Saturday 17th June, there was a craft exhibition in the Library. Our craft group was involved. (Thank you to Carol, Pete, Lynn, Marg, Di and Wendy for providing items to display.) It was lovely to see so many crafts created by the talented people of Wednesbury, who attend different groups in the town.

## **OPEN TABLE.**

Last month's meal took place on the 17<sup>th</sup> June, and 40 people attended. Photographs below:

17<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Welcome to today's Open Table.  
We hope you are well, and enjoying  
the recent sunny weather.

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

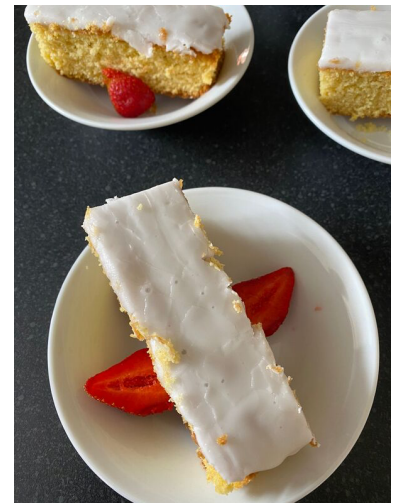
*Today's menu:*



Cottage pie, (mince meat, onions, chopped tomatoes,  
passata, mashed potatoes), carrots, white cabbage.  
Vegetarian option as above but made with Quorn pieces.

**Dessert –**  
Iced lemon cake with strawberries.

Tea / coffee / squash



July's **Open Table will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 1.00pm.**

Please let Joyce know if you are coming. We welcome any volunteers who can help serve/set up the hall/wash up. Please contact Joyce, Linda or myself if you would like more information.

## **WEDNESBURY CARNIVAL.**

It will also be Wednesbury's Carnival on the 8<sup>th</sup> July. I hope the weather is kind to all those involved. It should be a fun day for all in Brunswick Park.

Some information from Sandwell Council follows :

## **Do you want to help young people?**



🙋 If you think you could make a good youth worker, come along to an information session on Tuesday 4 July from 5pm-8pm at Coneygre Arts Centre, Sedgley Road East, Tipton, DY4 8XA.

Part-time paid vacancies are available in youth clubs, detached youth work, SEND youth work and at Coneygre Arts Centre.

Shifts are 6 hours per week (2 x 3-hour sessions) in the evening and pay starts at £11.18 per hour. You must be 18+ and there is no upper age limit.

For more information email: [youngpeople\\_services@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:youngpeople_services@sandwell.gov.uk)

## Sandwell Libraries are cool

With temperatures set to rocket, don't forget our Warm Spaces are now operating as cool spaces this summer.

☀️ Take a break in one of our libraries this weekend to cool down.

Tipton, Blackheath, Bleakhouse, Great Bridge and Oldbury Libraries all have air conditioning.

Many of our older libraries such as Central Library in West Bromwich, Wednesbury and Smethwick are lovely cool old buildings. [You can sign up for a free membership, check out our libraries services and keep cool.](#)



Useful advice from West Midlands Police –



### Keeping your home safe in the Summer

Summer is here, and while we enjoy the warm weather, let's not forget about keeping homes safe.

Criminals will take advantage of open windows and propped open doors, even if it's the back door.

Keep you and your home safe this summer by following these useful tips:

1. Make sure doors and windows are closed and locked. Even if you're just popping out, lock up and secure your home.
2. Consider installing window locks to prevent intruders from easily opening your windows.
3. Consider installing a home security system with visible cameras and alarm systems to deter burglars.
4. Keep your valuables out of sight. Close blinds or curtains to prevent prying eyes from scouting your belongings. Shutting the blinds will keep your house cooler.

5. Give a spare key to a trusted neighbour or invest in a secure key lockbox.
6. Hosting family or friends in your garden - don't invite burglars to the party. Keep your side entrance, back door, or garden gate closed/locked.
7. Tidying the garage or dusting off the bikes for summer adventures? Lock up and keep that garage door closed. It takes seconds for thieves to spot and take expensive tools/bikes/motor vehicles.
8. For extra security keep porch doors locked, wheelie bins away from low fences or garages, and sheds secure.

For more advice from West Midlands Police visit [27 Station Road | West Midlands Police \(west-midlands.police.uk\)](https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/27-Station-Road-West-Midlands-Police)

To report crime or anything suspicious call 101 or please visit [Residential burglary | Your Options | West Midlands Police \(west-midlands.police.uk\)](https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/Residential-burglary-Your-Options)

In an emergency always dial 999.

Don't forget the Food Bank – always in need of packet foods, tins with a long shelf life, personal hygiene products etc. A list of items always required is at the back of church, along with the box to put any donations in. Joyce is our contact if you require further information.

Thank you.

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

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

The past 2 weeks have been particularly tragic and sad. We continue to pray for peace in Ukraine. We regularly pray for those known locally to us who are ill in mind, body or spirit, and those who have died. We also pray for local groups and volunteers helping those in need in this area.

Particularly relevant has been the sad news of local firefighter Fire crew manager Iain Hughes who has gone missing during a charity swim across the English Channel where he was raising money for three charities. The 42-year-old from Dudley disappeared while raising money for the British Heart Foundation, The Fire Fighters Charity and Midlands Air Ambulance, where he aimed to swim 21 miles to raise £21,000. Sending thoughts, love, and strength in our prayers to his family and friends.

And we are still shocked and saddened regarding the Titanic submarine disaster. Our thoughts and prayers to all the families and friends of those who have lost their lives.

I'm sure you will also join us in prayer. We pray for all those who mourn.

Caring God thank you for the assurance that in times of sorrow you will be there to comfort – ready to mend our broken hearts. *Amen*

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

## **Quiz 76 – level 2.**

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Answers</b>
1. In which language was the first printed Bible written?	Latin
2. How did the Israelites cook the quails they caught in the desert?	They roasted them
3. Which Gospel begins with the words: In the beginning was the Word”?	The Gospel of John
4. What was the name of King Ahab's wife?	Jezebel
5. How old was Josiah when he became King of Judah?	Eight years old
6. What happened to Peter when he tried to walk on water?	He sank
7. What were the streets of Jerusalem paved with in St. John's vision?	Gold
8. How did King Saul die?	He killed himself with his own sword
9. What was the name of King Herod's wife?	Herodias
10. What is the fourth Gospel?	The Gospel of John

## **Quiz 75 – level 3**

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Answers</b>
1. What does the word “Bible” mean?	
2. What was Moses given on Mount Sinai that makes it sacred for Jews and Christians?	
3. Who were the first twins in the Bible?	
4. What unusual souvenir did Naaman take back to Syria?	
5. Which wild animal appears most often in the Bible?	
6. Which city was nicknamed “the city of palm trees?”	
7. Which doctor wrote 2 books in the New Testament?	
8. How many times was Paul shipwrecked?	
9. Who had a vision of a sheet full of animals?	
10. Where in the Bible does it say that Heaven has gates made from pearls?	

