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St. Bartholomew's News

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Church Hill, Wednesbury. WS10 9DG.

Welcome to June's edition of our newsletter.

A few words from Wendy....

ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION

On 7th May we hosted the Archdeacon's Visitation. This service is the official admittance of Churchwardens as office holders of the Diocesan Bishop. During the service The Venerable Dr Susan Weller, Archdeacon of Walsall, delivered a sermon called the 'Archdeacon's Charge', the aim of which is to offer advice, encouragement and support to parishes in general and Churchwardens in particular.

We were pleased to welcome Churchwardens and other congregation members from the following churches:

St Gabriel's, Walsall

All Saints, Darlaston

St Lawrence, Darlaston

All Saints, Moxley

St John the Evangelist, Tipton

St Matthew's, Tipton

St Michael's, Tividale

St Paul and St Luke, Wednesbury

St Andrew's, Birchills, Walsall

and, of course, our very own church when our Churchwardens Trevor Stokes and Marilyn Norton were sworn in to their role and office.

Visitors from elsewhere in the Archdeaconry were present, also.

The Churchwardens are Officers of the Bishop and they discharge their duties as are, by Law and Custom, assigned to them.

Well done to all of the Churchwardens. We wish you well in your roles.

Craft Club The next 2 craft club meetings are on 1st June and 6th July. The group meets in the Church Hall at 2 pm until 4 pm and we hope you will be able to join us. Bring whatever you're working on and enjoy a couple of hours of craft and chat with a drink and cake. If you want help with anything we have people in the group who might be able to help you. The crafts people do are varied - knitting, crochet, sewing, painting, jewellery making, paper craft, etc. We hope to assemble the Church banner soon so if you have completed your section please bring that with you. We look forward to seeing you. It would be great if you could bring along a friend, too. There is a page on the website with lots of photos.

<https://www.stbartwednesbury.com/lovingly-crafted.html>

Our "Quiet Hour Service" continues, a quiet reflection of prayer in church. This takes place each first Friday of the month at 6.00pm. Please see Father Mark if you require more details.

OPEN TABLE.

The next delicious meal will be on Saturday 8th June at 1pm. Please contact Joyce or Linda if you will be coming (at the latest by the Wednesday before the meal, thank you).

Open the Book Since the last newsletter our Open the Book team has continued to take dramatised stories into St John's Church of England Primary Academy and Old Park Primary school. Please see the Church Facebook page or the website page for more details about Open the Book. (<https://www.stbartwednesbury.com/open-the-book.html>)

Please turn over...



Charity Focus The Open the Book and Sunday Club teams are supporting 'Pens for Kids' (there is a box in the coffee area to donate new or used pens, pencils or crayons). The Craft Club is supporting 'Innocent Smoothies: The Big Knit'. If you are knitting the little hats can you please let us have them by the end of May or at the Craft Club meeting on 1st June as Innocent Smoothies require them early July.

Craft Fayre The Craft Club is holding a Summer Craft Fayre on Saturday 15th June (see below). We hope you will be able to support us on the day. If any of you could make cakes for sale in the kitchen that would be very much appreciated.



Summer Craft Fayre

on

Saturday 15th June 2019

1-4 pm

to be held in

St Bartholomew's Church Hall

Wednesbury, WS10 9DG

(bottom of Church Hill next to the British Legion)

Variety of crafts

Refreshments on sale

50p entrance



Notices and future ideas:

Father Mark would like to start a worship group. If you can play a musical instrument or you enjoy singing, please see him for more information.

If you are also interested in joining a worship team, please also see Father Mark if you would like to participate in leading a service here at church, or having a role in worship.

Don't forget our box in the coffee area for any non-perishable food for the Food Bank. Toiletries are also needed. All items appreciated. Please see Linda or Joyce if you want suggestions of what you could bring or would like more information. Thank you.

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**

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.)