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St. Bartholomew's News

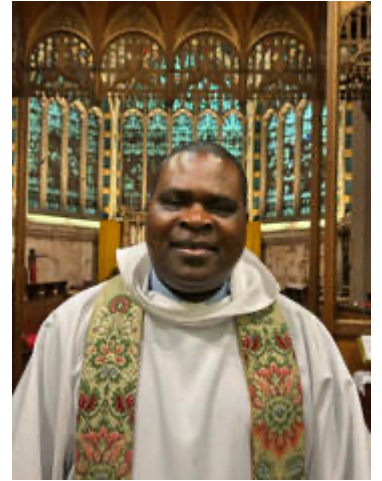
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Our June edition starts off with some words from Canon Taiwo.

The Season of the Most Holy Trinity

The doctrine of the Trinity, though implicit in the Old Testament, is explicitly revealed by Jesus in the New Testament.



This mystery, once concealed for ages, has now been disclosed (Col. 1:26).

While Islam and Judaism affirm the existence of only one God, Christianity maintains monotheism but understands God as one Being manifested in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Many mysteries of faith present a challenge of endurance and perseverance. When confronted with the mystery of God, individuals may feel overwhelmed and perplexed by its magnitude. The doctrine of the Trinity, in particular, appears unattainable for most, often explored only by the most devout saints. Nevertheless, God provides the Holy Spirit to guide believers as they explore this mystery. Through prayer, scriptural study, and deeper theological inquiry, all baptised believers—not only academics or theologians—are invited to engage with this profound truth.

Developing a personal and intimate relationship with each Person of the Trinity is essential for Christian maturity and spiritual growth. Bishop Polycarp, one of the earliest martyrs of the Church, exemplified deep devotion to God as the Blessed Trinity. His example encourages believers to dedicate their lives to knowing God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Revd Taiwo

Are you interested in being confirmed?

The confirmation is scheduled for **Sunday, 5 July** at St Bartholomew's Church.

There's still time to join the confirmation class. If you're interested, please get in touch with Revd Taiwo for more details.

The four-session confirmation course starts on **Tuesday, 2 June at 6 pm**. Classes will continue every Tuesday in June.

Classes will be held in the church hall, beginning right after Bible Study.

And a few words from me.....

Hello all, and I hope you are well.

I'm not sure if everyone knows but after a long and very traumatic labour, my daughter had to have an emergency caesarean on Monday 18th. My first grandchild, Millie Joan was born at 7.15pm weighing 9lbs 3ozs. Joan was my mothers name, so I found that particularly touching. Both mum and baby had infections and were on IV antibiotics so they had to stay in hospital for a few days. They are now home and trying to establish a routine. She is just perfect. I thank God they are both now well.

I have also completed my treatment and am waiting to see my oncologist at the end of June. I had some nasty side effects and had to return to hospital, but am now feeling better.

I'd like to thank everyone who thought of us, and prayed for us, in anxious times. I appreciate you all, and I'm grateful for your support.

Alison

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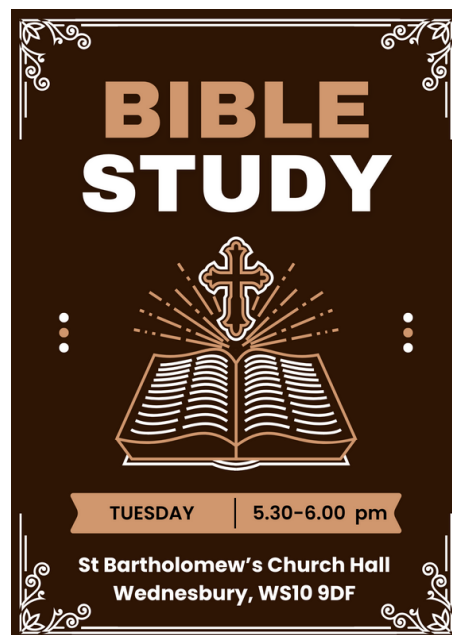
The next meeting will be on **Saturday 6th June 2026 1.30 -3.30pm** in Wednesbury library. Bring the craft you are working on, all welcome.

Please contact Wendy or Lynn if you are interested or require more information.

There is a comprehensive list of events in Wednesbury Library on our website. Thank you for sharing this information, Wendy. If you cannot access our website and are interested in what the library has to offer, ask me and I will print the details for you.

Many thanks to Ian Bott for his interesting talk on 9th May. Thank you for everyone who attended, and helped out on the evening. All proceeds towards the church fund raising team.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S



St Bartholomew's Church



WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO
RING THE CHURCH BELLS?



Fridays 7.30 pm

Contact Gordon
07811 943036



NEW EXCITING EVENTS FOR ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S – MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY!!

St Bartholomew's Church



CONFIRMATION

The four-session course will be every Tuesday in June.
**Starting Tuesday
2nd June, 6 pm**
(after Bible Study)
in the Church Hall



Tel: 07534 270120
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CONFIRMATION SERVICE

at St Bartholomew's Church
Sunday 5th July at 5 pm

Join those being confirmed:
affirming faith, receiving the Holy Spirit, and stepping forward as an adult in the church.



We wish the candidates a lifetime of grace and happiness. May they always find strength in their beliefs and joy in their journeys.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING

We welcome men from the church community to meet in fellowship
LAST Saturday each month, 10.00 am to 11.15 am

Enjoy a traditional British breakfast in St Bartholomew's church
Lively 30-minute talk
Discussions will explore Bible themes

Guest speakers bringing fresh perspectives on a range of engaging topics





Starting Saturday, 25th July

Sounds delicious!

Come along for breakfast and a chat.

News from Sandwell Council.

Reel Feel Cinema in Sandwell 🎬

📅 Saturday 2 May - Sunday 14 June

The much-loved outdoor cinema experience is coming to Sandwell and it's set to be bigger, louder, and more immersive than ever.

Enjoy feel-good singalong favourites with REEL FEEL Cinema's signature fully immersive screenings. Each showing is brought to life with synchronised sound and special effects, perfectly timed to moments on screen.

Coming soon - Safer 6 returns to Sandwell

Safer 6 is back for 2026, bringing six weeks of action to make Sandwell's neighbourhoods cleaner, safer and stronger.

Running from 8 June to 19 July, Sandwell Council is working with police, the fire service and community partners to deliver a coordinated programme of activity in each of the borough's six towns.

Under the theme "**Six weeks. Six towns. One Safer Sandwell,**" residents will see a wide range of activity in their neighbourhoods. This includes enforcement action to tackle anti-social behaviour and environmental crime, alongside community events, safety advice, and opportunities to meet local teams.

There will also be a focus on health and wellbeing, with advice and activities to support healthy living – helping residents stay safe, well and connected.

In the next week we will be issuing more details - keep your eyes peeled for what's going on in your town.



Walk with us for men's mental health 🚶

We're standing shoulder to shoulder and walking for Men's Mental Health in June. Please join us at one of our six walks at parks across Sandwell.

All walks are free to attend, open to all abilities, and welcome anyone who may benefit from fresh air, movement and informal peer support.

The hour-long walks will take place on:

📅 Friday 12 June 2026

- 📍 Victoria Park, Tipton - Meet at the War Memorial at 10.30am
- 📍 Brunswick Park, Wednesbury - Meet at the play area at 1.30pm

📅 Saturday 13 June 2026

- 📍 Dartmouth Park, West Bromwich - Meet at the War Memorial at 10.30am
- 📍 Britannia Park, Rowley Regis - Meet by the multi-games area near the car park at 1.30pm

📅 Sunday 14 June 2026

- 📍 Lightwoods Park, Smethwick - Meet at Lightwoods House at 10.30am
- 📍 West Smethwick Park, Smethwick - Meet at the Pavilion at 1pm, plus family-friendly activities from 2pm - 3.30pm

You don't need to sign up – just turn up (🐕 dogs on leads welcome), walk with us, and show your support

for men's mental health in Sandwell ❤️

👉 [For more information visit the Healthy Sandwell website](#)

Open Days at Sandwell Museums 🎨

It's the spring and summer open day season for Sandwell Museums with open days each week at different sites from now until the end of September. Entrance is free and last admission is half an hour before the site closes.

👉 [Go to the Visit Sandwell website for details.](#)

Sites may be open at other times for special events and pre-booked groups. Visitors can also enjoy a host of spring and summer events and activities for all ages from school holiday fun, large community events and talks, walks and tours.

📄 [Visit our website for more information about future events at Sandwell Museums.](#)



Heritage Walks & Talks with Dr Mike Hodder

An annual favourite returns for 2026!

Join us throughout the year for illustrated talks and guided walks with Dr Mike Hodder.

This is an opportunity to explore the archaeology and history of Sandwell Priory and its connections to medieval West Bromwich, including Bromwich Hall and All Saints Church.

Upcoming dates

Heritage Talks:

👉 Sunday 7 June 👉 Sunday 6 September

Heritage Walks 🚶 ➡️

👉 Sunday 24 May

👉 Sunday 9 August

👉 Sunday 15 November

🎨 Heritage Open Day Walk – FREE 👉 Thursday 17 September

☕ Tea and coffee will be provided by our Tea Rooms, and the museum will remain open for visitors.

Whether you're a regular or joining us for the first time, we'd love to welcome you.

👉 [Book your ticket for these walks and talks.](#)

And advice from West Midlands Police



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Warmer Weather Crime Prevention Tips from West Midlands Police

Keeping your house and garden safe with hot weather coming this June. Tipton and Great Bridge & Princes End

With hot weather arriving this June, [West Midlands Police](#) are warning Tipton and Great Bridge residents that opportunistic criminals actively target households cooling down their properties. It takes less than 30 seconds for a walk-in thief to exploit an unsecured home or garden.

Follow these critical security adjustments for the summer heatwave:

Securing the House

- **Close ground floor windows:** Shut windows entirely in unoccupied front rooms or when heading upstairs, even if you are trying to air out the property.
- **Hide keys and handbags:** Keep keys, electronics, and wallets well away from open window sills or doors where they can be fished out or reached from outside.
- **Lock up while gardening:** Lock your front door and front windows securely if you are spending time relaxing or working out back in the rear garden.
- **Dusk ventilation:** Only leave windows open for air circulation during the cooler night hours, ensuring they are on restricted safety latches.

Securing the Garden

- **Rake up defences:** Lock up all tools, ladders, and shears inside a secure shed or garage; thieves will use your own garden tools to smash or pry open your home windows.
- **Double-bolt gates:** High side-gates should be bolted securely from the inside to cut off access routes into your rear garden.
- **Anchor furniture:** Secure expensive barbecues or garden furniture to ground anchors or move them inside locked outbuildings when not in use.

Don't forget the Food Bank box at the rear of church. Food is needed by many who struggle whatever time of the year it is. Dried or packet goods, tinned products, shower gel, soap, deodorant, feminine care. Please see Joyce if you require more information, and there is also a list in the box. Thank you.

St. Bartholomew's Contact details:

Our regular services are each Sunday, at 8.30am a short reflective service and at 9.30am a modern family Eucharist with hymns and music followed by tea and coffee.

I must say how wonderful it is to hear the organ being played again in church – thank you to the new organist !!!

<https://www.facebook.com/StBartsWednesbury/> (use the message facility) or <https://www.stbartswednesbury.com> (go to the **Contact us page**) **If you do not have access to the internet, please call in to church on one of the Sunday services.**

Weddings and baptisms – if you wish to arrange one of these, or have a general enquiry, please call in to church on a Thursday evening 5.30-6.30pm.

If you would like to go on to the reading or prayers rota, or help serve tea and coffee after the 9.30am service, please contact Wendy or Alison. Thank you

Prayer to the Holy Trinity for This Month

Most Holy Trinity — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit —

In Your unity we find peace,
in Your mystery we find wonder,
and in Your love we find our true home.

As this new month unfolds,
fill our days with wisdom from the Father,
compassion from the Son,
and courage from the Spirit.

Guide our thoughts, words, and actions
so that they reflect Your light in the world.

Bless our families, our work, and our rest,
and help us to walk in harmony with You and with one another.

May every sunrise remind us of Your faithfulness,
and every sunset draw us into Your eternal embrace.

Amen.