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# St. Bartholomew's News

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Church Hill, Wednesbury. WS10 9DG.

Welcome to March's edition of our newsletter. Let's hope we have seen the last of the torrential rain and gale force winds, and we can look forward to Spring.



Please note that all of the dates listed below are in ADDITION to our usual Sunday and Tuesday morning services.

## OUR REGULAR SERVICES:

Sunday 8.00am – Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 10.30am – Parish Eucharist (including hymns).

Tuesday 10.00am – Communion – short service.

First Sunday of each month at 10.30am – All Age Service, all age family service including uniformed organisations. Open The Book Team also perform. Our next All Age Service on 1<sup>st</sup> March has a guest speaker from Barnardo's (more details in the Open the Book information in this newsletter).

Coffee, tea and light refreshments after these services – can you help serve these drinks please? Just a few minutes after the service when some of the congregation stay for a drink and chat. Please see Sharon or Alison.

First Friday each month – 6.00 pm Quiet Hour, reflective prayer and meditation.

Memorial Services – Sundays 6.00pm - 3 times a year, announced few weeks before each service. Please contact Father Mark or a church warden if you have any queries regarding our services.

**GIVE UP ... OR TAKE UP?** With Lent approaching, what will you do? Will you give up something OR will you take up something? Throughout all of Lent there will be an additional evening service held on Wednesday evenings. The evening will begin with Evening Prayer **at 6pm** followed by a Said Eucharist. Please do consider attending and deepening your prayer life throughout this great season of Lent.

**LENT COURSE.** In addition to the above, there will also be a Lent course running on Tuesday mornings in church from about 11 am onwards.

"Lent is the autumn of the spiritual life, a time during which we gather fruit to keep us going for the rest of the year. Enrich yourselves with these treasures, which nobody can take away from you and which cannot be destroyed." (Saint Francis de Sale)

## February

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 7.00 pm Mass with imposition of ashes

## March

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	All Age Worship (Guest Speaker)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00 am	Lent Course: Week 1
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Mass
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Quiet Hour
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Lent Course: Week 2
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Mass
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Lent Course: Week 3
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Mass
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 am	Mothering Sunday
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Lent Course: Week 4
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Mass
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	11.00 am	Lent Course: Week 5

## April

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Mass
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00 pm	Quiet Hour
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Palm Sunday All Age Worship
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Lent Course: Week 5
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Mass
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Maudy Thursday Mass
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 pm	Good Friday Veneration of the Cross
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Easter Sunday

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# St Bartholomew's Church

is delighted to present a



Featuring Mario Castillo singing songs from the era during the interval

on

**Sunday 8th March 2020**

in the Church, Church Hill  
Wednesbury, WS10 9DG

Doors open at 6.00 pm  
(Talk starts at 6.30 pm)

Tickets £5

(Royal Street Party nibbles included in ticket price served during the interval)

Tickets available from Rob in Church or telephone: 07854 369523  
Or pay on the door

**March, 2 pm to 4 pm.** The one after that will be on Saturday 4th April. Bring along whatever you're working on and enjoy 2 hours of craft and chat - only 50p and that includes cakes and a drink. Craft Fayres have still not been booked. More information to follow once dates are confirmed. Thank you to the members of the Craft Club for the beautiful banner (God's natural world see photo on right) that was presented to the church on Sunday 23rd February.

**OPEN TABLE** – We are pleased to announce that Open Table resumes on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm.** Please tell all those who used to come before the break for building work. We would like to thank Father Mark for all the hard work that he has done for the new kitchen and renovations which is very much appreciated. Open Table, and all the other organisations using these facilities, will benefit from such a wonderful update for many years to come. **Thank you Mark.** We look forward to seeing you all again for a delicious meal, friendly chat, and fellowship in our lovely new environment.

**WEEKLY POSTS ON FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE.** Each week Wendy posts the weekly Prayers, Notices, Quote of the Week and Photo of the Week on Facebook and the relevant website pages. Regarding the Prayers, can you check the names on the list please? If you know the people listed are no longer ill please let us know. Many of those names have been on the list for many months. Also, if you need our prayers please let Father Mark know.

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/StBartsWednesbury/posts/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/StBartsWednesbury/posts/?ref=page_internal) or <https://www.stbartswednesbury.com>



Here's to Spring!!

**'ROYAL VISIT TO WEDNESBURY'** Ian Bott will be giving a slide-illustrated talk on Sunday 8th March at 6pm about the 1962 Royal visit to Wednesbury. In addition to the talk, there will also be a display of rare Wednesbury civic memorabilia. Tickets are available from Rob Yardley (see poster on left). Thank you Ian, Rob and all involved in the hard work and administration for this event.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS:** Please make a note in your diary about 2 fundraising events coming up. One is on **Sunday 8th March** and the other is on **Saturday 4th July** when we will be entertained by one of the finest brass bands in the Midlands. Tickets will be available from Rob Yardley. We hope you will be able to join us at these events.

**OPEN THE BOOK.** The team continue to take Bible stories into schools. Their charity focus for 2020 is Barnardo's. Claire Gwynne who works for Barnardo's, the children's charity, has agreed to visit our church during the All Age Service on Sunday 1st March. Please think about who you can bring along to hear about the ways in which Barnardo's helps support and protect young children. Our Open the Book team, as part of their children's ministry, have chosen Barnardo's as their charity focus for 2020.

**CRAFT CLUB** The next meeting is on **Saturday 7th**

