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St. Bartholomew's News

Church Hill, Wednesbury. WS10 9DG.

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Hello, and I hope this finds you well.

So we are into the third month of the year. We continue to have services in church at 11am and we have had different people taking the services and we thank all those who have visited and spent time with us. It has been explained that we may not have cover for some of our services, and it has been suggested that we join other churches who have a vicar/preacher taking a service. More information/notice should be given by the person taking our Sunday service.

Please keep all those working for our church in your prayers as we continue our interregnum.

Happy Mother's Day on the 10th March to all mums! If you sadly don't have a mum to thank and appreciate, give thanks for the happy times you had and the care and love you received, and remember them.

The church hall is still under temporary closure, and our PCC have resigned. We hope and pray the diocese are working for solutions to our current situation.

At the time of compiling this newsletter, unfortunately our Easter services are not yet known which may necessitate attending an Easter service at another church if you so wish. Please look at the website closer to Easter, or if you are in contact with any member of our congregation, ask them to update you.

Take care, Alison

CRAFT CLUB

Our monthly meetings are usually on the first Saturday of each month, 2 pm to 4 pm, in the hall (next to the British Legion). **HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTE: From 2nd March, we are meeting in the library 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm until the church hall reopens. There are a few parking spaces outside the library but the rest of the street (Hollies Drive) is for residents only. You can park for 90 minutes (or 3 hours with a Disabled Parking Permit). Please don't park in front of the houses as you might be issued with a parking fine. There is a car park on the other side of Walsall Street. Currently, there was no parking meter, for a while, but it has recently been put in again. If the machine isn't there, you will have to park using the 'Pay by Phone' app or online using this website address (<https://m2.paybyphone.co.uk/parking>). You can either register on the website or just log in as a guest. The location number for this car park is 802565.**

We don't charge for our craft group but welcome a donation of just 50p, which helps to pay for refreshments. We hope you will be able to join us. Bring with you your own craft work and enjoy a couple of hours of craft and chat. The next meeting will be on 6th April, possibly in the library.

Please check the craft club page on the website (<https://www.stbartswednesbury.com/craft-club.html>) or our Facebook page.

OPEN TABLE

There is no monthly meal (Open Table) at the moment due to the hall being temporarily closed. Any updates will be printed in this newsletter and on the church website.



Some information from Sandwell Council –

Sandwell Courtyard Fair

Sandwell Valley Visitor Centre (formerly Sandwell Park Farm),
West Bromwich, B71 4BG

Sat 16th March 2024 - Sun 17th March 2024 10am -4pm

Come and meet the local makers, sellers and crafts people of Sandwell. Stock up on some unique gifts and discover the talented artisan on your doorstep.

This event is free to attend. Stalls are £5 per day. To book a stall contact event_enquiries@sandwell.gov.uk



Sandwell Priory Heritage Walk

Sandwell Valley Visitor Centre (formerly Sandwell Park Farm), West Bromwich, B71 4BG
Sat 23rd March 2024 11am – 1pm

Don't miss a fascinating Walk with Dr Mike Hodder around Sandwell Priory!

Dr Mike Hodder, former Borough Archaeologist and director of the excavation of Sandwell Priory in the 1980s, will take you on a fascinating journey around the remains of Sandwell Priory, the landscape around Sandwell Hall and other parts of Sandwell Valley's past.

The heritage walk starts at the Reception in the Visitor Centre, ends in the museum and is approximately 2 miles long. Please wear practical footwear and clothing, the walk will go ahead during wet weather

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TICKETS £4
23.03.24
11AM - 1PM
FIND OUT MORE
BOOK NOW!

SANDWELL VALLEY VISITOR CENTRE Visit Sandwell



Easter Crafts

Sandwell Valley Visitor Centre (formerly Sandwell Park Farm),
West Bromwich, B71 4BG

Tue 2nd April 2024 - Sun 7th April 2024. £2 per child. Drop in any time between 10am and 2pm

Get crafty at Sandwell Valley Visitor Centre during half term week with a range of spring-filled and Easter-themed natural craft activities to take part in daily from making nature boats and bird feeders to exploding mud paintings and hapizome. Different crafts available each day.

St Georges Day Family Fun

Sandwell Valley Visitor Centre (formerly Sandwell Park Farm), West Bromwich, B71 4BG

Sun 21st April 2024 10.00am – 15.00pm

Join us as we celebrate St George's Day with family fun filled with knights and dragons.

Meet our friendly dragon - he'll try not to breathe smoke on you.

Take part in a Roman battle workshop and try on some armour.

Help us build a giant junk model fortress.

Try your hand at making roses.

Have a go at flag making.



Become a school governor and make a difference!

You could do something brilliant, volunteer to be a governor at a school in Sandwell and help ensure all children receive the education they deserve.

Anyone over the age of 18 can apply and you don't need to be a parent or education expert – you just need to be committed to the role, willing to learn and bring your perspective.

For any enquiries, please email: [**governance@sipseducation.co.uk**](mailto:governance@sipseducation.co.uk)

Thanks to those who participate in this service doing readings, prayers, singing, musical arrangements, etc. Please contact Wendy if you feel you would like to take part in our services by doing one of the readings or saying the intercessional prayers.

Please keep in your prayers those suffering in the Middle East. Such atrocities, grief and desperation are hard to comprehend. Let us all pray for peace. We also remember Ukraine and their continuing war, hatred and appalling loss.

Our prayers can be found on our website which include names of our sick and those who have died.

Please also pray for our church in this time of uncertainty and let us support one another.

Don't forget we continue to need donations for the food bank. Tinned or packet foods, personal products, there is a list at the back of church for items needed, or please see Joyce who volunteers there.

Our Contact details : **Tel: 0121 556 0378.** (leave a message)

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

OPEN IN TIPTON, WEDNESBURY, WEST BROMWICH

Correct as of 12th December 2023



A Place of Welcome offers your neighbourhood a place where everyone can go for a friendly conversation and free refreshments, if and when they need it

South Staffordshire Water Community Hub, Union Street, Wednesbury, WS10 7HD - Mondays 09:00 – 10:00 and 14:00 - 15:00

Community Transport, West Bromwich Bus Station 0 Stand D, St Michael Street, West Bromwich, B70 7AB - Mondays and Wednesdays 9:00 - 12:00

Crafternoon, Wednesbury Sons of Rest Community Centre, Foley Street, Wednesbury, West Midlands, WS10 9HG - Mondays 12:30 - 15:30

Stone Cross Library, Beverley Road, West Bromwich, B71 2LH - Mondays 14:30 - 16:30

Hill Top Methodist Church, Wesley Community Centre, New Street, Hill Top, West Bromwich, B71 2EJ - Tuesdays 10:00 - 11:30

Hill Top Community Centre, Hill Top, West Bromwich B70 0RZ - Tuesdays 10:00 - 12:00 (includes an optional wellbeing walk)

St Mark's Parish Church, Ocker Hill Road, Tipton, DY4 0UT - Tuesdays 11:00 - 13:00

Great Bridge Community Forum, Farley Park Lodge, Whitehall Road, West Bromwich, B70 0HF - Tuesdays 12:00 - 14:00

St Mary Magdalene Church, Beaconview Road, Charlemont Farm, West Bromwich, B71 3PJ - Wednesdays 10:00 - 12:00

The Good Shepherd with St John, 4 Bromford Lane, West Bromwich, B70 7HP Wednesdays and Fridays 10:30 - 12:00

St Andrew's Church, 18 Dudley Street, West Bromwich, B70 9LR - Wednesdays 10:30 - 12:00



**A place where everyone can feel safe to
connect, belong and contribute!**



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Answers to last month's quiz.....

Who am I?

1. An actor, I was born in Fife in 1965. I was the first choice to play Wolverine in the X-Men films and starred in Deep Impact and Ever After. I appeared as Ian Hainsworth in TV's Desperate Housewives and Arthur Miller in My Week with Marilyn.

Answer – Dougray Scott

2. A singer, I was born in Georgia in 1974. I grew up in France and began singing in my teens. I am noted for my vocal similarity to Billie Holiday and my albums include Careless Love and Half the Perfect World.

Answer - Madeleine Peyroux

3. A comedian and actress, I was born in Clapham in 1957. I worked as a psychiatric nurse then became a stand-up comedian as part of the alternative comedy movement. I won a Best TV Comedy Actress BAFTA award for my performance in Getting On. I present the spin-off show The Great British Bake Off : An Extra Slice.

Answer – Jo Brand

4. An author, I was born in Dublin in 1919. My novels include The Sandcastle, The Good Apprentice and the Booker prize winning The Sea, The Sea. I have been portrayed on film by Kate Winslett and Judi Dench.

Answer – Iris Murdoch

5. A singer, I was born in Bangor in 1976. I attended Dundee University and was once a member of the Scottish supergroup The Reindeer Section. I am the frontman of the rock band Snow Patrol.

Answer – Gary Lightbody

6. An actress and TV presenter, I was born in Kent in 1955. I have appeared in the TV shows The Sweeney, and Doctor Who, and I presented Blue Peter for four years. I appeared on the TV talent contest Just the Two of Us in 2007, and my daughter was a Strictly Come Dancing participant in 2013.

Answer – Janet Ellis

A prayer for the wars and hatred in the world at the moment –

God of peace,

Show us how to put away the weapons of war
and help us destroy the tools of destruction.

God of peace, may your kingdom come.

God of peace,

Teach us to follow the ways of justice
and walk with us the paths of truth.

God of peace, may your kingdom come.

God of peace,

Challenge the weapons of war,
and banish hatred and division,
so that all your children may sleep secure.

God of peace, may your kingdom come.

Amen

Linda Jones/CAFOD