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## St. Bartholomew's News

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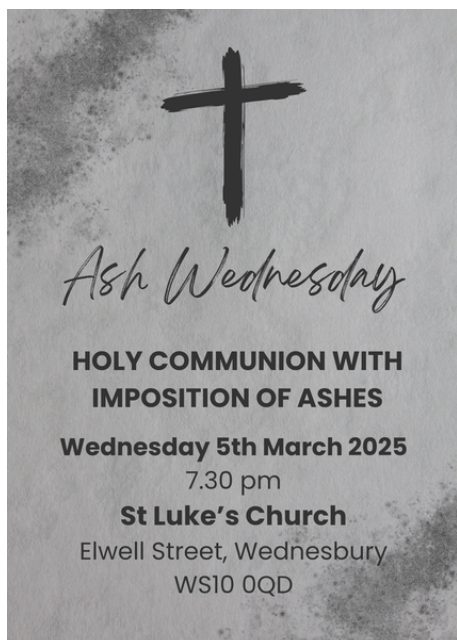


*Hello and I hope you are well.*

*So Spring has "sprung"! There are lots of daffodils, crocus and tulips around, so let's hope for warmer weather. Lots of things going on in church and more information to follow later. The church hall is now open and several groups are now using it. Please contact Canon Ben if you require information regarding the hall.*

*Important official things first. Our current electoral roll needs to be reviewed in the next few weeks, and a complete new roll will need to be produced, (this is done every 3 years as a legal requirement). Even if you are currently on our electoral roll, you will not be automatically listed on our new one as this year we have to start from scratch.*

*There will be an official notice on the entrance door, and for those of you who wish to be on our electoral roll, the forms you need to complete are at the back of church, or on the table in the coffee/tea area. The process will be mentioned in our services over the next few weeks too. Please hand the forms to me once completed, **BY APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> 2025** and I will add you to our new roll. Thank you.*



*Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March.*

*There will be an Ash Wednesday service at St. Luke's church on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm, not at St. Bartholomew's. Please go along and support St. Luke's if you can.*

*Let's not forget that it will be Mothering Sunday on 30<sup>th</sup> March. Whether you are lucky enough to still have your mum around or not, let us thank God for our wonderful mums and appreciate the care and love they have shown us.*

*Are you giving anything up for Lent? Canon Ben suggested recently if we would consider giving up the price of a coffee and donating it to church? The price of a coffee nowadays, around £3.50 – what a difference it would make if we all did that and donated that cost as an extra amount to our usual donation? There's a thought.....*

*Advance Easter dates – Good Friday 18.4.25, Easter Sunday 20.4.25  
Details of St. Bartholomew's Easter services in next newsletter.*

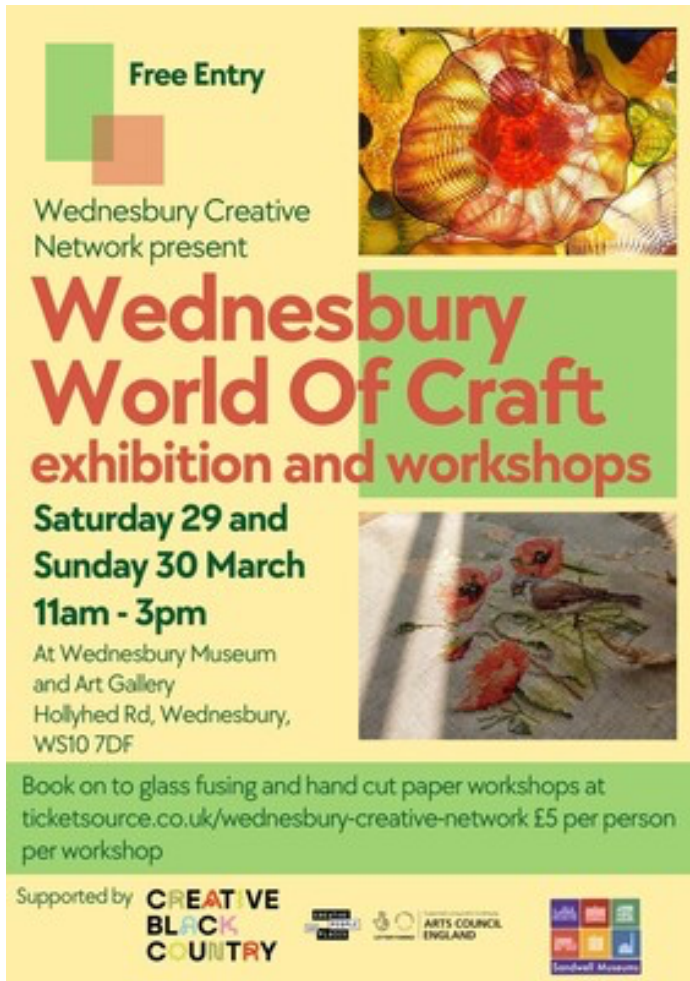
**Take care everyone,  
Alison**



**CRAFT CLUB.**

The next Craft Club meeting will be on

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 1.30-3.30 pm, in Wednesbury library.**



**Free Entry**

Wednesbury Creative Network present




# Wednesbury World Of Craft

exhibition and workshops

**Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 March**  
**11am - 3pm**

At Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery  
Hollyhed Rd, Wednesbury, WS10 7DF

Book on to glass fusing and hand cut paper workshops at [ticketsource.co.uk/wednesbury-creative-network](https://ticketsource.co.uk/wednesbury-creative-network) £5 per person per workshop

Supported by **CREATIVE BLACK COUNTRY**   

**<<<<<<Some information about events coming up soon regarding crafts -**

A social event which will be in church in April.  
More events will follow later in the year. >>>>

### Some information from Sandwell Council

– (always best to check their website or ring before you make plans for their events in case of any changes).



#### Donate a winter coat

Donating an old winter coat can help many people living on the streets or those living below the poverty line who are pushed to choose whether to heat or eat – that's where a coat donation can help.

To donate a good quality, second-hand winter coat – take it to your nearest Sandwell library. Please make sure the coat is clean.

St Bartholomew's Church

are delighted to present a musical evening featuring

**SEDGLEY UKULELE STRUMMERS**

on

**Saturday 12th April 2025 at 7 pm**

**in the Church**  
Church Hill  
Wednesbury  
WS10 9DG

Ticket **£5**  
(includes coffee/tea and cake)

You are all very welcome

Tickets available from the Church or telephone Rob: 07854 369523

You can help decide the future of our bus network  
Should we have more control over our buses? You can give your views now on the future of our bus network. Learn more about the consultation and have your say by 30 March.

[Visit the Transport for West Midlands website for full details and to have your say.](#)



**Sandwell Valley Visitor Centre:**

[Mother's Day Afternoon Tea with Live Singer Judy D](#) - Sunday 30 March

**Lightwoods House and Park:** [The Art of Divination](#) - Friday 28 March


**West Smethwick Park:** [Mother's Day Afternoon Tea with Live Singer Hollie Aston-Baugh](#) - Sunday 30 March


View all upcoming events by their location below on their websites:

[Sandwell Museums](#) [Forge Mill Farm](#) [Sandwell Valley Visitor Centre](#)

[West Smethwick Park](#) [Lightwoods House and Park](#) [Sandwell Libraries](#)

**And don't forget to put your bins out earlier**

 From Monday 3 March, your food waste, garden waste, refuse and recycling bins will need to be put out for collection on your bin day by 5.30am.

Our bin crews will be starting at 6am, so having your bin out early will help with collections. This will help crews to avoid some of the early morning traffic which can delay collections during rush hour. Thank you 

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

### **A prayer for families**

Loving God, you promise to be with us always. We thank you and pray for all those people in our families and in the community who enrich our lives by their caring and love and who reflect your love. We pray for peace in our communities and in our lives. Amen

Our Contact details:

<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.


Some useful contact numbers:

**Key Helplines**

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000  
Childline: 0800 1111  
Stop it Now: 0808 1000 900  
NAPAC: 0808 801 0331  
Samaritans: 116 123  
Family lives: 0808 800 2222  
National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247  
Action on Elder Abuse: 080 8808 8141

**Mental Health Helplines - UK**

**Samaritans** - 116 123 (free 24 hour helpline)  
**SHOUT** - Text SHOUT to 85258 (free, confidential, open 24 hours)  
**CALM (for men)** - 0800 58 58 58 (open from 5pm to midnight every day)  
**Papyrus (below 35)** - Call 0800 068 4141 (young suicide prevention open 9am to midnight every day)  
**YoungMinds (young people & parents)** - Crisis Messenger text YM to 85258 (available 24/7)  
Parent Helpline 0808 802 5544 (Mon-Fri from 9.30am to 4pm)

**Would you share? It could save a life.** 

To celebrate Mothering Sunday.

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MOTHER      KISSES   LISTENS      HARDWORKING  
 KIND          HEART   SUPPORTS      MOTHERING  
 DEAR          HUGS   HELPS          ENCOURAGES  
 LOVE          SUNDAY   CARE          UNSELFISH

*Find the words  
 in the word search  
 which describe  
 our moms.*

Mum I just want to say  
 How much you mean to me  
 And how I do appreciate  
 Everything you've done for me  
 I pray that God will bless you  
 In an even greater way  
 And that His presence will be with you  
 Especially more today.



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You may find of interest -

### 'Mother' In Different Languages

God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers- Jewish Proverb

French - Mere

German - Mutter

Hindi - Maji

Urdu - Ammee

English - Mom, Mum, Mummy, Mother

Italian - Madre

Portuguese - Mãe

Albanian - Mëmë; Nënë; Burim; Kryemurgeshë

Belarusan - Matka

Cebuano - Inahan; Nanay

Serbian - Majka

Czech - Abatyse

Dutch - Moeder; Moer

Estonian - Ema

Frisian - Emo, Emä, Kantaäiti, Äiti

Greek - Màmna

Hawaiian - Makuahine

Hungarian - Anya, Fu

Ilongo - Iloy; Nanay; Nay

Indonesian - Induk, Ibu, Biang, Nyok