



## May 2019 St. Bartholomew's News Issue no. 19

Church Hill, Wednesbury. WS10 9DG.

Welcome to May's edition of our newsletter. We hope you had a peaceful and joyous Easter. What beautiful weather we were blessed with!

Thank you to all those who donated eggs to our Easter egg raffle, and for those who bought raffle tickets. Total profit - £86.

From Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 6pm, the "Quiet Hour Service" commences, a quiet reflection of prayer in church. This will continue each first Friday of the month. Please see Father Mark if you require more details.

St. Bartholomew's will be hosting the Archdeacon's Visitation on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. The evening will commence with refreshments at 6.45pm.

### **OPEN TABLE.**

The next delicious meal will be on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 1pm. Please contact Joyce or Linda if you will be coming. Many thanks for the last meal (in April) which also included an Easter egg for those who attended.

*A few words from Wendy....*

### **LOVINGLY CRAFTED**

The next craft club meeting is on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May. 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.stbartswednesbury.com/lovingly-crafted.html>

**The Summer Craft Fayre will be on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 1 pm to 4 pm - please put this date in your diary.**

Reminder: the craft club's charity focus this year is 'Innocent Smoothies The Big Knit' and they will donate 25p to Age UK for each smoothie sold with a hat. Please pass on knitted hats to members of the craft club or to Lynn, Joyce, Marg or Wendy in Church or at craft club. If you want more information have a look at the website: On Facebook search for Innocent Smoothies Big Knit

Website: <http://www.thebigknit.co.uk>

### **OPEN THE BOOK and THE SUNDAY CLUB**

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. We hope to have another Sunday Club session some time over the next couple of months. There are pages on the website for both of these teams.

<https://www.stbartswednesbury.com/open-the-book.html>

<https://www.stbartswednesbury.com/sunday-club.html>

As the Open the Book and Sunday Club teams work in children's ministry their charity focus is 'Pens for Kids' to help children around the world by removing one of the hurdles on their way to an education - the cost of a pen. The charity's mission is to unite the stationery with children in schools and orphanages overseas for whom such items are unaffordable. Please donate any old or new pens, pencils or crayons. They can be placed in the box in the coffee area of church or you can pass them on to Wendy Bird, Marg Wood, Lynn Castillo, Linda Russell, Alison O'Neill or Claire Yardley. If you know somebody who attends church and want to help us support this charity, please pass on to them to put in the box.

Please turn over.....

Thank you to those who have generously donated items already. If you want more information please have a look at the charity's Facebook page or website: On Facebook search for Pens for Kids UK  
Website: <http://pensforkids.co.uk>

**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.

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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. Thank you.

*Thank you to those who have supplied details this month.*

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.*)



Springtime!  
Your message of hope  
to a world tiring of winter's starkness,  
longing for that first crocus  
to push through snow's icy blanket  
and spread its leaves,  
like arms outstretched,  
to its creator.  
Springtime!  
Our yearly reminder, if we needed one,  
that to a world that was dark and cold,  
a world devoid of love's sweet warmth,  
you sent your Son  
to break through sin's icy blanket,  
and, arms outstretched on a cross,  
he brought us hope.  
Thank you.