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St. Bartholomew's News.

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Thank you to those who have supplied details this month.



We hosted the Churches Together service on Sunday 2nd September, and it was a pleasure to welcome our fellow Christians from our neighbouring churches in Wednesbury. Thanks to those who attended, and those who helped with refreshments on the evening. We look forward to the next Churches Together meeting.



Our harvest festival service was held on the 16th September. Many thanks to Steve at Morrison's, Wednesbury for making the intricate bread sheaf (see photograph) which we displayed on the altar. Thanks to all who donated produce, all of which has been given to the Food Bank.

LOVINGLY CRAFTED

On Saturday 1st September we had an afternoon out instead of our usual craft meeting. We went to visit a craft fair being held at Waterside Care Home in Tipton, to raise money for BUD (dementia charity). We were blessed with lovely weather; visitors and residents enjoyed the afternoon.



Our next Craft Club meeting in the church hall will be on Saturday 6th October, 2-4 pm. During this meeting Lynn and Marg will be distributing the materials needed for members to design their part for the banner that we are creating for Church. Also, Wendy will be distributing the flyers for the forthcoming Craft Fayre. We look forward to seeing you again and welcome any newcomers. Only 50p and you will get a drink and cake.

CRAFT FAYRE

This will be on Saturday 3rd November (please see the flyer on reverse). Could any of you make or donate a cake for the refreshments and/or donate a raffle prize, please? We are always grateful for any help you can offer us, including on the day in the kitchen, selling raffle tickets, etc. All profits made from our craft fayres are saved for a project in Church or the church hall. In the past we used some of the money and gifted a new Common Worship Book (Presidents edition) to the Church which was blessed by the Bishop of Wolverhampton, the Rt Revd Clive Gregory (and Lynn made a beautiful bookmark to be used in the book). We hope you will be able to support us in our efforts to raise funds. Also, it's lovely if you can support local crafters.

Open Table will be serving their next delicious lunch at 1pm on Saturday 13th October. Please see Linda or Joyce if you wish to attend, or can help.

Forthcoming ideas/events :

The Healing Mass service continues. This is a quiet and reflective service with times of silence and meditation, and anointing if desired. It will be the ideal opportunity to take time out and to meet with God in the silence. For more details please speak to Father Mark.

Healing Mass dates: Friday 5th October, Friday 2nd November, Friday 7th December all at 6pm.

The new monthly **Children's Group** will commence on **Sunday 7th October, 3-4pm** in the church hall. Please share this information with families and children you know. All children welcome up to the age

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of 11. There will be a short themed service, crafts, and light refreshments. If you would like more information or would like to help, please speak to Father Mark, Alison or the Open the Book team who are working on this. There is a box at the back of church for any donations of biscuits, squash etc if you so wish. Thank you.

The Pastoral Team's next meeting will be on Wednesday October 17th at 7pm (*please check that date*)



Would you like to tell our congregation and other readers about something?

Do you have any happy news to announce? (newborns, anniversaries, birthdays).

Any suggestions for fund raising at church?

Please contact me (Alison) in church, or one of the wardens.

Please share this newsletter with anyone else you think may find it informative, or let us know and we may be able to deliver copies.

Church telephone number (Father Mark Danks) – **0121 556 0378**

Church website – <https://www.stbartswednesbury.com>, (*select website for details of our church services etc*)

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/StBartsWednesbury/>

(There is now an Event section on the church Facebook page detailing all the dates for 12 months) and events will be added as appropriate.)