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St. Bartholomew's News

Church Hill, Wednesbury. WS10 9DG.

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Hello, and I hope you are well.

Well it's gone quite autumnal and nights are drawing in, and it's really dark in the early morning. Once Halloween has passed, and Bonfire night, it will be the run up to Christmas.

I can't believe the shops are already well stocked with Christmas goods. I wanted to buy a couple of birthday cards for my daughters, and a wedding anniversary card for my husband, and there wasn't much choice, as a complete wall in the card shop was dedicated to Christmas. I suppose some want to be organised and don't want to rush around in the month of December, (which is what I do as I don't really have time to plan ahead). Christmas items flooding the shops now do take away the real spirit of Christmas don't they?

If you would like anything included in this, such as sharing good news, please let me know, either in church or via the message facility on our website.

Take care until next month. Alison



Our standard services:

9.00 am Sunday - Holy Communion

10.00 am Sunday - Communion Service

Thanks to those who participate in this service doing readings, prayers, singing, musical arrangements. Please contact Wendy if you feel you would like to participate in our services by doing one of the readings or saying the intercessional prayers. Please check the church website for weekday services amendments.

Please also note some services are now held as a group service with other local churches.

Past events –

It was our harvest service on September 24th. Thank you for all donations received. All the produce was going to the Wednesbury Food Bank “Breaking Bread”. Photographs below. Don't forget this is an on-going continuous service, we, and others in the town, try to provide to help those less fortunate. Any future donations can be left in the box at the back of church, or see Joyce for further information.



In the Spring we dig out weeds,
Then we plant our tiny seeds,
And within a week or two
Lots of little leaves poke through.



Then the Summer, every day
We fight to keep the weeds away.
We get sunshine and some showers
To help to feed the fruit and flowers.



But how we love this time of year
When everything becomes so clear.
The great rewards have come again,
The miracle of sun and rain.

The harvest time is special too,
It shows what God has done for you,
The food we have, the things we grow,
Are really gifts from HIM you know.



CRAFT CLUB

The next meeting will be on October 7th 2-4 pm. All welcome. Come along and bring the craft you are working on. See Wendy if you require more information.

OPEN TABLE.

Here are photos and details of last month's meal.



Corned beef hash, (tomatoes, onions, potatoes, cheese), broccoli and carrots.
Vegetarian alternative.

Apple or rhubarb crumble with custard.

Tea/coffee/squash.



Please let Joyce know if you will be attending the October meal (14th) at 1pm, or if you can help on the day in any way, thank you.

News from Sandwell Council –

Who's ready for PUMPKINS 2023 at Forge Mill Farm?

🎃 Pick your perfect pumpkins 📷 Get some awesome photos

☕ Warm up with a hot chocolate 🚗 Explore the farm and trail 🐑 Meet the animals

Thousands of pumpkins to choose from, all different shapes and sizes! Entry to the patch is included free in your farm ticket, just pay for what you pick 🎃🎃🎃

📅 Dates for the diary

🎃 Pumpkin picking every weekend in October (including the weekend of Saturday 30 September and Sunday 1 October)!

Plus all new.....

🇬🇧 AFTER SCHOOL picking with pumpkin carving between Monday 16 October and Friday 27 October! Open late till 6pm!

And back this year.....

👶 Toddler pumpkin picking with messy pumpkin play every morning between Monday 16 October and Friday 27 October!

Pumpkin tickets for Monday 30 October and Tuesday 31 October will not be on sale until closer to the time in case we sell out of pumpkins 🎃🎃🎃

Forge Mill Farm will be open during half-term, but our pumpkins may sell out before.

[Don't miss out, book your pumpkin picking tickets now!](#)

Looking for a job? Know somebody who is?

📌 We have various vacancies at the council including:

- ★ Customer service advisor
- ★ Support worker
- ★ Accounts officer
- ★ Travel trainer
- ★ Repairs coordinator
- ★ Housing services advisor
- ★ Business admin assistant
- ★ Tenant engagement officer
- ★ And more. [Apply online on our jobs webpage](#)



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ADVANCE NOTICE-

Monday 4th December 7pm.

Carols and Cakes from Suzie's choir.

Please come along and support us in what will be an enjoyable evening to put us in the Christmas spirit.

Quiz 79 – level 3

Questions	Answers
1. Who had a vision of a man asking him to come to Macedonia and help him?	Paul
2. Which animal is called the behemoth or water monster?	The hippopotamus
3. What does the word "manna" mean?	"What is it?"
4. How many wives did King Solomon have?	700
5. Which sad man had a name that means "he that weeps"?	Job
6. Which bird flies about crying "woe woe"?	The eagle
7. Who used his own spittle to heal a blind man and a deaf man?	Jesus
8. How did the friends of a paralysed man get him to Jesus?	Let him down through the roof
9. Who became a mother at the age of 90?	Sarah, the wife of Abraham
10. To which city did Paul write his longest letter?	Rome

Quiz 80 – level 3

Questions	Answers
1. What is the most popular name in the Bible?	
2. Did Adam live to be 90 or 930 years of age?	
3. Who went from a prison cell to a palace in one day?	
4. Who only cut his hair once a year when it got too heavy?	
5. Why did some little boys mock the prophet Elisha?	
6. Which bird did people believe to be immortal, always renewing its strength?	
7. What are the first recorded words of Jesus?	
8. Which 2 books of the new testament were written by a doctor?	
9. Apart from a flaming pot, what else did God show Abram?	
10. When in prison, who did Paul ask to bring him his cloak, books, and parchments?	