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St. Bartholomew's News

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Thank you to those who have supplied details this month.

Hope those who have been on holiday have had a lovely break.

It was a pleasure to see Mrs. Stackhouse in church a couple of weeks ago. She is now on the move and we all wish her well, and happiness in her new home with her family.

LOVINGLY CRAFTED CRAFT CLUB

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT SEPTEMBER MEETING:

Instead of our usual Craft meeting in the church hall on Saturday 1st September we have decided to visit a craft fair being held to raise money for charity. Wendy Wright-Owen, one of our craft club ladies, and her friend Mandy are having stalls there. Both ladies usually have stalls at our craft fairs, too. We just thought it would be nice to have an afternoon out for a change. The event takes place 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm at the Waterside Care Home in Tipton (Dudley Road, Tipton, West Midlands, DY4 8EE). It is to raise money for BUD (dementia charity). I'm sure many of you know of somebody who has dementia (a group of symptoms associated with a decline in memory or other thinking skills severe enough to reduce a person's ability to perform everyday activities). If any members require transport please let Wendy, Lynn or Joyce know. We can pick you up from the church hall at 2 pm. If we don't hear from you we will assume you are making your own way there or will join us in October. There isn't much space on the car park but there are side streets nearby where you should be able to find a parking place.

Our next craft club meeting will be on Saturday 6th October in the church hall 2 pm to 4 pm. Lynn and Marg will definitely have the templates for the banner that we are going to make. Also, advertising posters for our forthcoming craft fair (which will be on Saturday 3rd November) will be available for distribution. More news about the craft fayre in the next newsletter. So, our October meeting will be important if you can be there.

Lunch has been booked as a social event on Sunday 2nd September at 1pm at Churchills. Please see Roger if you wish to attend.

Open Table will be serving their next delicious lunch at 1pm on Saturday 8th September. Please see Linda or Joyce if you wish to attend, or can help.

Forthcoming ideas/events :

The 6 week study course continues, but will finish on Tuesday 11th September after the Tuesday 10.00am service.

Healing Mass - Beginning in September and on the first Friday of the month at 6pm, there will be a Healing Mass. This will be 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 7th September, Friday 6th October, Friday 2nd November, Friday 7th December

Our Harvest Service will be 16th September 10.30am service. We will accept any packet, dried or tinned goods with a long shelf life, for the Food Bank, thank you. (Please see Joyce or Linda for other items, e.g. nappies, baby food, toiletries).

The next PCC meeting will be Monday 17th September – please see Fr. Mark for time and place.

And the following are also “*work in progress*” -

Monthly film group.

Children’s Group/Service 1st Sunday of the month in church hall – afternoon.

This will be commencing very soon, hopefully in October. Please share this information with families and children you know of. All children welcome up to the age of 11. There will be a short themed service, songs, crafts or activities, and light refreshments for one hour.

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. Thank you.

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.

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.

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.

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