

## COMMUNITY CRAFTERS

On Thursday mornings if you are able  
Drop into church and head for the Crafters Table!  
People are making things that are helpful to others,  
Baby clothes, twiddle mitts and blanket covers.  
Join us every week, or just once, even twice,  
Whichever you choose to see YOU would be nice.



# WELCOME

## WELCOME GROUP

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 2 pm in church.

This month we have two speakers who are going to tell us all about the local food bank: how it is run, why it was set up and how it helps people in our community. As a church we regularly support the food bank by contributing items so please come along and find out how your contribution actually helps.

This month we are asking for a £3 donation to help with the hire of the room and an item of non perishable food or some toiletries to donate to the speakers.

## FOOD BANK

We are very grateful to everyone who contributes items to our food bank box. Please continue to donate when you can, either non perishable food items or toiletries. They are always gladly received. Thank you.



## POSTAGE STAMPS

Thank you to everyone who has brought some of these in so far, we will eventually be sending them to the RNIB, Royal National Institute of Blind People. It will help us when saving your stamps to trim carefully around them, leaving approximately one centimetre of paper around the edge.

## FUNDRAISING SPECIAL APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our special appeal. Thanks go especially to Claire Smith who organised the Fundraising Sing A Long Day in June.

Please support our next event by attending the Fashion Show on July 1st at 7pm. This is a new venture for us so please invite as many friends as you can to make this evening a success.



## MANSFIELD COMMUNITY CHOIR SUMMER CONCERT

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm, tickets £7 including refreshments.



Items for next month's newsletter must be received by 16.7.25

Send them to Kathy at [khobbs200517@gmail.com](mailto:khobbs200517@gmail.com)



# St Albans Church Newsletter July 2025



ST ALBANS CHURCH



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## **DATES FOR JULY SERVICES**

2<sup>nd</sup> 10am Mid week communion  
6<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Cafe church  
9<sup>th</sup> 10am Mid week communion  
13<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Parish communion  
16<sup>th</sup> 10am Mid week communion  
19<sup>th</sup> 1pm Wedding  
20<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Parish communion  
11.30am Baptism  
23<sup>rd</sup> 10am Mid week communion  
27<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Parish communion  
11.30am Baptism  
30<sup>th</sup> 10am Mid week communion

### **Other dates**

1st Fashion Show in church at 7pm  
3rd/10th/17th/24th/31st Thursday evening Bible study at The  
Vicarage at 7pm  
7th/14th/21st/28th Monday afternoon Bible study in church at  
1.30pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Welcome Group at 2pm in church  
16<sup>th</sup> Bereavement Group at 1.30pm in church  
18<sup>th</sup> Mansfield Community Choir at 6pm in church  
30<sup>th</sup> Prayer Group at 1.30pm in church

## **PCC NEWS**

Please support our next fundraising event on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 7pm.  
We are holding a fashion show where you will be able to buy high  
street fashions at reduced prices. Please encourage as many people to  
come as possible. Tickets are £5 from Norma



## **A message from Philip**

### **THE GIFT OF READING**

It's a gift for life to teach a child to read. It opens up other areas of the curriculum. Reading increases our capacity to think for ourselves. I have had friends who did not have masses of formal education but because they read they could interrogate the world much more thoroughly than the illiterate and semi-literate can. Reading can also be enormous fun.

When we read the Bible we learn more about God the Trinity and how we should be living. We can think more proficiently for ourselves. For example, we can discern where the national church is becoming too narrow. Like all great literature the Bible demands careful reading. We can end up reading what we think is there rather than what is there. That may take the form of overlooking crucial excerpts which alter the meaning we have discerned so far. So the parable of the sheep and goats looks different when we notice that the sheep failed to notice they were responding to Jesus.

Read often and read carefully. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your Bible reading.

