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 GROUP

Wednesday 2nd 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 18th July at 6pm, tickets £7 including refreshments.





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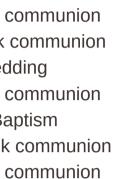
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DATES FOR JULY SERVICES

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

2nd Welcome Group at 2pm in church 16th Bereavement Group at 1.30pm in church 18th Mansfield Community Choir at 6pm in church 30th Prayer Group at 1.30pm in church

PCC NEWS

Please support our next fundraising event on Tuesday 1st 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 semiliterate 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 quide your Bible reading.





