

## COMMUNITY CRAFTERS

Pleasingly over the last month we have had wool donated which the 'crafters' soon snap up. And then in no time it comes back in the shape of baby clothes, twiddle mitts, blankets etc. These are then donated to King's Mill Hospital or Red Oaks Care Home.

We have plenty of red wool for those of you who would like to start knitting or crocheting poppies for us, yes it's that time of year again.



## WELCOME GROUP

The Welcome Group on Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup> should be a lot of fun, as we are having a Scattergories quiz! If you don't know what that is then why not come along at 2pm and discover more. It will be followed by a chat and a drink.

# WELCOME

## POSTAGE STAMPS

A large bag of these was posted a few weeks ago to the RNIB. Thank you to everyone who donated some. Please continue to save them in the little red box in church.

## FLOWER ROTA

Do you enjoy arranging flowers? Would you like to join the rota of volunteers who arrange the flowers for church? Or would you like to make a contribution towards the cost of the flowers, perhaps to mark an anniversary or special date? Please speak to Pat Chapman or Jean Harrison if you would like to help. Full training available.



## FASHION SHOW

Many thanks to Norma for organising this event which raised £479. Thanks to all those who attended and helped in any way.

## ADVANCED NOTICES- FOR YOUR DIARY!

On 6<sup>th</sup> September we will once again be welcoming Shirebrook Miners Welfare Band. Tickets will be on sale soon.

On September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm we are holding a defibrillator training event. This is a FREE community event to raise awareness of how a defibrillator can save lives. Please invite as many people as you can.



Items for next month's newsletter must be received by 20.8.25

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



# St Albans Church Newsletter

## August 2025

### ST ALBANS CHURCH



FOREST TOWN

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## **DATES FOR AUGUST**

### **SERVICES**

3<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am Parish communion  
10<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Parish communion  
17<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Parish communion  
20<sup>th</sup> 10am Mid week communion  
24<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Parish communion  
2pm Renewal of vows  
27<sup>th</sup> 10am Mid week communion  
31<sup>st</sup> 9.30am Parish communion  
11.30am Baptisms

### **Other dates**

6<sup>th</sup> 2pm Welcome group  
7<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> 10am Weekly drop in  
21<sup>st</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> 7pm Bible study at Vicarage  
20<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm Bereavement Group in church  
27<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm Prayer Group in church

### **PCC NEWS**

Philip and the PCC would like to express their thanks to Andrew for all the hard work he has put into being the church warden at St Albans for the past 4 years. Please pray with the PCC for God's wisdom in this matter going forward.



## **A message from Philip**

### **TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK**

Cringeworthy cliches can be true. Last year a gang of women assembled the Christingles in double quick time. The atmosphere as they worked was peaceful and harmonious. Much longer ago and further north than us a man was passing a church and he noticed drains being dug. He was not impressed so he jumped over the wall and joined in the project. This led to him joining the church. A couple of years ago Gloucestershire won a cricketing trophy. They did not have a single star player but they worked well together.

People want to work together at St Albans and that is a source of strength. So many churches are cursed by the rule of the clique. When we pool our gifts and respect the contributions of others we give up on the ego but have something much more precious.

