

COMMUNITY CRAFTERS

While many crafters come along to the Thursday Drop in sessions, others work at home and just bring items along as and when. Thanks to Lana, who also volunteers at King's Mill Hospital, 134 blankets of various sizes and many other items have gone to the hospital. People are already starting to make poppies for our village Remembrance displays. We can provide a pattern and wool if you would like to join in.

WELCOME GROUP

Our next meeting on Wednesday September 3rd is our AGM which we plan to be a short one. Kath J will then lead us all in making Autumn Wreaths which we are looking forward to.

DECORATING CHURCH 11th September from 10am

Please help decorate the church for Matt and Libby's wedding and for our Harvest celebration. Please bring flowers and foliage if you can, and come to lend a hand in making our church especially beautiful.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING 14th September at 9.30am

Our Harvest service will be a time to give thanks to God for all He provides for us. Please consider bringing a gift for the food bank and a financial gift towards the God's work at St Albans.



SHIREBROOK MINERS WELFARE BAND

On 6th September at 7pm the band will be performing in a VE/VJ day themed concert. Please come along and invite your friends. Donations of cakes and raffle prizes would be very gratefully received. Tickets cost £7.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING/REFRESHER

On September 17th 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.



ADVANCED NOTICE- BINGO EVENING on OCTOBER 18th at 6.30pm
Keep the date free in your diary!

Items for next month's newsletter must be received by 17.9.25
Send them to Kathy at khobbs200517@gmail.com



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ST ALBANS CHURCH



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DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

SERVICES

3rd 10am Mid week communion

7th 9.30am Cafe church

10th 10am Mid week communion

14th 9.30am Harvest communion and Gift Day

17th 10am Mid week communion

21st 9.30am Parish communion

24th NO MID WEEK COMMUNION

28th 9.30am Parish communion

11.30am Baptism

Other dates

Bible study: 1.30pm in church on 1st/8th/15th and 29th

7pm at The Vicarage on 4th/11th and 18th

Welcome Group: 2pm in church on the 3rd

Brass band concert: 7pm in church on the 6th

Bereavement Group : 1.30pm in church on the 17th

Defibrillator training/refresher: 6.30pm in church on the 17th

Prayer meeting: 1.30pm in church on the 24th

THE RETURN OF ALPHA

We get into an eternal relationship with God through following Jesus. Such a relationship is of infinite value. If we can help even one person get into that relationship all our efforts are more than worthwhile. The world-famous Alpha Course has helped many people in many countries over many years. It will be starting in Church at 7pm on Wednesday October 1. Although it is primarily aimed at those exploring Christianity many have found it a very useful refresher. Please pray that we will reach the right people. Please get in touch if you wish to know more.

A message from Philip

WHAT KIND OF GOD DO WE WORSHIP?

The God we worship has a huge influence on how churches and individual Christians behave. Do we favour the hopelessly wrong illustration of an old man in the sky with a white beard figure? Do we go to the other extreme and follow the God manifesting as a black woman whom we meet in The Shack? The most worrying scenario is where powerful people are inspired by the passages in which God is reported as commanding a genocidal massacre.

If we want to know God we look at Jesus. We see God at work in and through the horrendous death of Jesus on the cross. God is there at work in places of horror and extreme vulnerability.

The first time God turned up for me was in a ward where profoundly learning-disabled kids were banished to. Nearly 50 years on I can still remember the smell of booze on a nursing auxiliary. The children were kept in a profoundly degrading environment. God was crystal clear that day. That was the day I moved from being an enquirer to being a Christian.

Let's look out for God in unexpected people and surprising places. A big part of being a Christian is striving to know God. So we need to keep our eyes and ears open and our minds both wise and discerning.

