



### COMMUNITY CRAFTERS

Many people are already knitting/crocheting poppies ready for the Village Remembrance displays which we will be putting up on Thursday 23rd October. Have you joined in yet by crafting or donating wool?



### WELCOME GROUP

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 1st October, 2pm in church. Dennis Hill will give an illustrated talk on 'Historic Mansfield Today'. Everyone is welcome, plus bring your friends.



### BINGO EVENING on OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm

Please come along for an evening of fun!

A few games of bingo and Sticky 13s, a raffle and refreshments, and an evening spent with friends. Please invite people to come along for a light evening of entertainment. Tickets cost just £3 per adult. Bingo books available to buy on the night. If you are able to help by putting a poster up somewhere please do. Donations of prizes would be gratefully received.

### THANK YOU

To everyone who donated Harvest Gifts of any kind and to all those who made the church look so beautiful. The staff at the food bank were so grateful for all the food we were able to deliver to them.

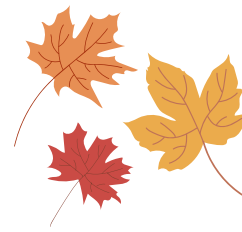


### PRAYER STATION

Philip will be offering to pray with anyone in outdoor sessions in the church gateway as they pass by. Please pray for him as he seeks to help others in this way.

### ADVANCED NOTICE: CHRISTMAS FAYRE 29<sup>th</sup> November 10-12noon

If you are able to help in any way please speak to any member of the PCC.



# St Albans Church Newsletter October 2025



## ST ALBANS CHURCH



## FOREST TOWN

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Items for next month's newsletter must be received by 15.10.25

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## **DATES FOR OCTOBER SERVICES**

1<sup>st</sup> 10am Mid week communion  
5<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Cafe church  
8<sup>th</sup> NO MID WEEK COMMUNION  
12<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Parish communion  
15<sup>th</sup> 10am Mid week communion  
19<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Parish communion  
22<sup>nd</sup> 10am Mid week communion  
26<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Parish communion  
29<sup>th</sup> 10am Mid week communion

### **Other dates**

1/8/15/22/29 Alpha at 7pm in church  
1<sup>st</sup> 2pm Welcome Group in church  
9<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm Forest Town school rehearsing  
in church for their harvest service  
13<sup>th</sup> 10am Forest Town school harvest service in church  
15<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm Bereavement Group in church  
18<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Bingo night in church  
29<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm Prayer group in church


### **THE RETURN OF ALPHA**

#### **WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER at 7PM**

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. 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**

### **MAKING MEMORIES**



This week I had a very pleasant and helpful meeting with two teachers at Forest Town about resurrecting relations between St Albans and the school. The teacher doing the leg work remembered her Holly School visits to church as a child and was positive about them. Now as an adult she is still positive about us. Every encounter matters because we never know what the future holds. Round about 2004 I met a lovely girl called Jess. 20 years later she was one of my chemo nurses and went way above and beyond to help me.

We never know who God will bless us through. He sees the reality of the human heart in a way and to a depth we do not. He grasps that so many are a mixture of good bits, bad bits and in between bits. James wrote, "everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry." When we listen we get to know people and that breaks down barriers. It helps to build up relationships and is an investment. We also know that bad memories can put people off for life. A very long time ago an old lady recalled how the priest used to hit the youngsters. Those who have heard hell fire sermons are both put off and left very damaged.

Jesus wants love at the heart of things for a very good reason!

