



The Beacon

Newsletter of St John's Church, Worksop
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A Time to Look Ahead—Our churchwarden Jess, writes

As we move into November we have a very exciting period to look forward to as a church. We are going to be doing a lot of welcoming!

On Sunday November 9th - **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**, we will be welcoming our **Beavers, Cubs and Scouts** as well as other visitors to our special morning service for Remembrance Sunday at 10:30am.

On Sunday evening, November 16th at 6pm we are hosting the **CONFIRMATION SERVICE** for our Bassetlaw and Bawtry Deanery and also some churches in Mansfield. This will be taken by **Bishop Andy**. It's an honour to be chosen to host this big service, and a great thrill that we will have nine of our own candidates wanting to confirm for themselves the vows made on their behalf at their baptism, and to make a public commitment to God and to the church. Please make every effort to attend to support not only our candidates, but those from other churches too, and to offer a warm welcome to all the visitors.

We are very grateful that Janet Silk has offered to head up the catering for our special events. We will be needing team St John's to step up to help with setting up, welcoming, catering, car park etc. We know you will as always!

Then on **Monday December 1st at 7pm we will have the great joy of welcoming our new vicar, Gareth!** This will be quite a formal service with the Bishop, Diocesan Registrar, Archdeacon and Area Dean all taking part. It is a very special, holy occasion for Gareth, the family and us as he makes solemn declarations and pledges and we all join in welcoming, committing to support and praying for God's great blessing on him, his family and his ministry here. We will need every member of the church family playing their part that evening!

We then move into all the special services of the **CHRISTMAS** period but that's for the next edition of The Beacon!

Jess

Please pray for all these special events: that everyone who comes into our buildings will sense God's presence, love and peace, that all will feel warmly welcomed, and that God will pour out his Spirit in a very wonderful way.

Bassetlaw Multicultural Association (BMCA) was founded to support Ukrainian families settling in the area by helping with school placements, medical care, benefits, banking, accommodation, and essential items.

However, it soon became clear that others in Bassetlaw—including asylum seekers and refugees relocated from other government facilities—also needed assistance.

To meet this wider need, the trustees expanded their efforts through The Sanctuary, a weekly advice and support service. Here, people receive guidance on housing, paperwork, and other essential matters, as well as access to English lessons to aid integration and independence.



In the first year of the Ukraine conflict, BMCA organised a Walk of Remembrance to mark Ukraine's Independence Day. The following year, local groups requested a more inclusive event, celebrating all cultures within the community. In response, BMCA launched an annual multicultural festival showcasing the rich diversity of Bassetlaw.

Now firmly established, this festival stands as a cornerstone of BMCA's work promoting unity, understanding, and pride in the area's many cultural identities.

Elaine V



Mission to Zambia August 2026



Two of our church members, John and Debbie Hodgkins, plan to join a mission trip to Lusaka, Zambia next August. They are going with an organisation called 'MISSION DIRECT'. The Mission is seeking to improve school facilities and bring hope to the next generation of one of the poorest countries in the world. They will be paying for their own flights and accommodation but are raising money for the school building work.

Their launch event—a lunch after a morning service, raised over £300. Our church council has also donated £500 on behalf of the congregation.

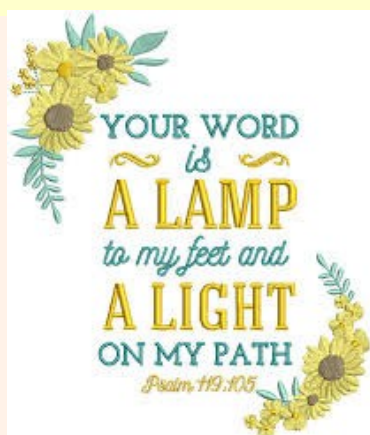
Look out for future opportunities to support them (see page 4 of this Newsletter)

St John's Guide Unit has had another busy and successful half term. We have welcomed two new girls to our Guide unit this term, they have settled well and are already a strong addition to our unit.

At the start of the new term, the Guides and Leaders jointly planned the activity programme and we have again a varied combination of both the Guiding Programme (working to achieve badges) and creative/lifeskills activities as well as some general "fun" activities. So far this term, our activities have included: Making Friendship Bracelets, Break the Bank, Making Fruit Smoothies, Games Night, Learning new camp fire songs, Tai Chi (introduction to this well-being/keep fit activity), The Fact of the Matter, "Toads" on Roads, Carbon Calculator (climate change and how we can help at home), writing Harvest Prayers (for Guides/Leader to read in church), Wild Wax, Creating a Harvest Centrepiece (using felt and natural materials), Guide Promise/Laws activities (role play scenarios).

During the next half term, we have practical activities planned around Remembrance and of course a lot of Christmas related crafts and other activities.

We would really like more girls to join us, so if you know a girl aged between 10 and 14 who likes to be kept busy with lots of different activities, contact Sue (07813293107) or Natalie (07870357194).



St John's is a Bible-based Evangelical Church and as such our members are encouraged to read a portion of Scripture regularly—preferably daily. The Bible is God's Manual for daily living and there are plenty of modern versions to try.

In past issues of Beacon we have suggested various 'helps' such as Bible notes, or on-line daily emails which vary from a single 'Verse for Today' to suggestions for digging deeper.

The 'Bible Promises' app sends a 'Daily Verse' to your phone but also includes helpful verses for over 70 different circumstances such as

Addiction	Aging	Anger
Children	Contentment	Depression
Envy	Faith	Fear
Hardship	Grief	Forgiveness
Guidance	Guilt	Healing
Loneliness	Peace	Prayer
Protection	Salvation	Stress
Temptation	Trust	Worry



Also remember you can tune your car radio in to 'UCB' or 'Premier Christian Radio' stations which are full of inspiring stories and music.



Sunday 9th November
10.30 am
Remembrance Service

War Memorial Plaques ~ as part of our recent Heritage Project research was done to discover more about the people named on our War Memorials which are located on the North Wall of the church. As a result we located details of each person mentioned. Information includes: Photo, Name, Place of Birth, Family History, Date of death, Age of death, Commonwealth grave number, Rank, Decorations, Military Unit and a paragraph of their Military history.

If you, or anyone you know, are interested in finding out more about a family member, the files are permanently displayed beneath the memorials.

As well as Sunday mornings, the church is open on Saturdays from 10—12noon and you are most welcome to come and look at them.



'TUESDAY @ 10' is our regular coffee morning in the church hall where anyone is welcome to drop in for a cuppa in a welcoming space. This month the visiting speaker on 25th November will be Grant Cullen speaking on the theme 'Women Won the War'. If you are intrigued to find out how they did it, why not drop in?

There will be an informal Christmas event on 16th December.

We will be closed on 23rd December and re-open on 6th January

NOVEMBER

Saturday/Sunday 8th & 9th Christmas Craft Sale in aid of John & Debbie's Mission to Zambia

Sunday 9th Remembrance Service

Sunday 16th 6.00pm Confirmation Service

Tuesday 25th Tuesday @ 10 visiting speaker

Sunday 30th Advent Sunday

DECEMBER

Monday 1st 7.00pm Licensing Service

Sunday 7th 4.00pm Carol Service with Thurcroft Brass Band

Saturday 13th Christmas craft event & afternoon tea in aid of John & Debbie's Mission to Zambia

Sunday 21st 9 Lessons and Carols

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Sunday Services

10.30 am Morning Worship
+ Kids, Church
6.00 pm Sunday @ 6.00
Informal service in the
Church Hall Lounge

See our Sunday notice sheet for
regular weekly events
or check out our Website
www.stjohnschurchworksop.co.uk
to find out more about us