



Community Crafters

Thanks to some wonderful Crafters, we have had many beautiful blankets of all sizes made this past month. Some came from as far away as Scotland. Those and other knitted items have all been taken to King's Mill Hospital. By the time you read this, Forest Town will have been decorated for Remembrance with poppies old and new made by many people of all ages. THANK YOU, EVERYONE.



Welcome Group

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 5th November 2pm in church. Unfortunately, there is a little confusion over the speaker/topic, but rest assured, as it is bonfire night, the meeting will have plenty of sparkle, but no bangers!!!!



FRIDAY 7th NOVEMBER 6.30pm

There will be a Remembrance Reflection Evening organised by Mansfield Community Choir, with readings, poetry and music. Donations will be collected for the Royal British Legion.



THANK YOU

To all those who attended or helped with the Bingo night in any way. A grand total of £500 was raised for church funds.

MANSFIELD WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

There is a box for donations on the table. Please help if you can. There is a list of suggested items in the box.

PLEA FOR HELP

If anyone has any foliage in reds, maroons or browns or any grasses please can you speak to Jean Harrison before 2nd November. Also any cotoneaster sprigs with berries. Thank you.



Items for next month's newsletter must be received by 19.11.25
Send them to Kathy at khobbs200517@gmail.com



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ST ALBANS CHURCH



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DATES FOR NOVEMBER SERVICES



- 2nd 9.30am Cafe church
- 5th 10am Mid week communion
- 9th 9.30am Parish communion
- 10.45am Remembrance Day observance
- 12th 10am Mid week communion
- 16th 9.30am Parish communion- Safeguarding Sunday
- 11.30am Baptisms
- 19th 10am Mid week communion
- 23rd 9.30am Parish communion
- 26th 10am Mid week communion
- 30th 9.30am Parish communion

Other dates

- 5th 2pm Welcome group
- 5/12/19/26th 7pm Alpha
- 3/10/17/24th 1.30pm Bible study
- 6/13/20/27th 7pm Bible study at Vicarage
- 7th 6.30pm Mansfield Community Choir Remembrance event
- 21st 6pm Christmas lights event at Kingsway Hall
- 29th 10am Christmas Fayre



CHRISTMAS FAYRE Saturday 29th November 10-12 noon

We would be very grateful for any donations for the raffle or tombola stalls, offers to make cakes and baked goods to sell on the day or anyone who is able to run a stall.

We are also collecting items for a Christmas hamper. Please help us to make this event a great fundraiser for our church.



A message from Philip

Remembrance Day

When I met George back in the 90s he was about 40 years passed his time on active military service in Korea. He was very well read and very much had a mind of his own. But his mind was still in torment and I remember visiting him one evening. Without any trace of self-pity he said he had gone to the woods earlier in the day to commit suicide but changed his mind at the last minute. It really is true that "War is hell." There is terrible suffering during it and a lifetime of torment afterwards. We must not become desensitised to all this. We also need to be mindful that a Russia and Nato war is likely to be immeasurably worse than the wars of the past. Let's give thanks for those who fought tyranny and make sure that all survivors are treated as they should be.



Safeguarding Sunday

The scandal that brought Archbishop Welby down involved a church official who had high social status inflicting violence on an industrial scale. Some teenagers were caned thousands of times. Offenders are often extremely devious and willing to spend years gaining unsupervised access to children and young people. There are also those guilty of domestic violence and other abuse as well as elder abuse. There is no age limit on being a victim of abuse.

As well as those who suffer first hand there is damage for other family members. Kids may not be directly attacked but to be part of an abusive family causes long term damage.

Justice demands that we convict the guilty and acquit the innocent. So many have got away with serious crimes. But we must not jump to conclusions. A few years ago an entirely innocent priest was hounded to the point of suicide.

If you possibly can please join us on November 16 for Safeguarding Sunday.

