

Welcome Group

At our next meeting on Wednesday 4th February 2pm in church we will welcome Rod Hobbs and colleagues who will talk to us about the work they do at the Cross Roads Night Shelter in Mansfield. The last few weeks must have been very challenging for them all in the very sever weather we have been having, and it will be interesting to hear how they have helped people less fortunate than ourselves who have nice warm homes and food to put on our tables. PLEASE try and come along to this meeting. Also be aware that in church alongside the Box for the Food Bank there is another box for us to donate items for the Night Shelter with a list of what is needed.



Community Crafters

The year has got off to a flying start with beautiful blankets made for both Kings Mill Hospital and the Hospice. Lana has already taken these to the Hospital along with many other knitted and crotched items that have been made. We would welcome any donations of wool, either oddments or full balls so this wonderful work can continue.



Shrove Tuesday 17th February 10-12noon

Celebrate with us and enjoy pancakes with toppings, tea or coffee. Tickets will be on sale soon for £5 per person, from Andrew.



Coffee Morning on Saturday 21st February 10-12 noon

We will be Celebrating Trees and Forests in conjunction with various events around the county celebrating the fact that we are part of Sherwood Forest. Our coffee morning will have displays of maps showing forests/plantations/trees – many areas that are now housing estates. There will be photographs of trees including the Major Oak through the years and trees around Forest Town. Also a display by Forest Town Nature Conservation Group. Craft items relating to Forests, possibly displays by uniformed groups and much more – all about woods and trees!! Oh Yes and Friar Tuck is planning to come!!! Chat to Pauline or Kath Jackson to discover more.



ADVANCE NOTICE- EASTER FAYRE 28th March 10-12 noon

Please put this date in your diaries and if you are able to help in any way please speak to any of the PCC members. Donations of prizes for the raffle and tombola would be gratefully received.

Items for next month's newsletter must be received by 18.2.26

Send them to Kathy at khobbs200517@gmail.com



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FOREST TOWN

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Dates for February SERVICES

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- 1st 9.30am Cafe church
 - 4th 10am Mid week communion
 - 8th 9.30am Parish communion
 - 11th 10am Mid week communion
 - 15th 9.30am Parish communion
 - 11.30am Baptisms
 - 18th 10am Ash Wednesday communion
 - 7pm Ash Wednesday communion
 - 22nd 9.30am Parish communion
 - 25th 10am Mid week communion

Other dates

- 4th 2pm Welcome Group. The guest speaker will be Rod Hobbs who will be talking about the important work that the Crossroads Trust carry out supporting the homeless. Please attend if you are able to.
- 5th/12th/19th/26th 10am Drop in at church
- 7pm Bible Study at The Vicarage
- 17th 10-12 noon Shrove Tuesday pancakes in church
- 18th 1.30pm Bereavement Group in church
- 21st 10-12 noon Sherwood Forest tree day. Please talk to Pauline Marples or Kath Jackson to find out more.
- 25th 1.30pm Prayer group in church

A message from Philip

ATTITUDE

If you ever watched Harry Enfield back in the 90s you will remember his teenage character, Kevin. A decade later if you saw Catherine Tate, you will remember her teenage character Lauren. Comedy was made out of their negative attitudes to everything. But adults can be just as bad. I remember going to a cultural event that was far too posh for me and when I went to order "some half time drinks" things did not go well. The server was one of those people who call you "sir" but have contempt. Churches can have bad attitudes. In the late 70s I remember a preacher denouncing jeans. I was the only one there in jeans.

Our attitude matters. It can encourage. It can put people off. Even the most unsophisticated can sense what our real attitude is. We need to reflect the light of Christ and to be able to do that we must absorb that light. As the song starts, "Walk in the light." The ordinary, unspectacular stuff matters. When we are consistently kind and helpful we are light reflectors. We may not see instant results but we create good memories that often influence people years later. Thank you Jesus that the dark does not overcome your light.

