

WELCOME GROUP

The Welcome Group invite you to come along to the next meeting on Wednesday 4th March 2pm in Church. We are delighted that our very own Norma Fyfe has agreed to tell us of the work of the Hospice Movement. Norma has been involved with the work of Hospices' in Ireland, Nottingham and the John Eastwood Hospice in Mansfield for a number of years.



COMMUNITY CRAFTERS

Community Crafters have been busy making beautiful blankets and many other items to go to King's Mill Hospital. Additionally, they have been busy crafting oak leaves and acorns ready for the Celebration of Trees Coffee morning, which by the time you read this will have already happened.

MEN'S BREAKFAST 7th March 9-10am

Please invite men, young or old to join our men's breakfast. A chance to chat and socialise while you eat.



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.



NEW MEMBERS

It has been lovely to welcome so many new members to our church. Please speak to Kathy Hobbs if you would like to join the Electoral Roll or be included in the weekly email or WhatsApp diary messages. Please speak to Andrew Hamilton if you want more details about planned giving to St Albans or Gift Aid. Pat Chapman co-ordinates donations towards church flowers and the flower arranging rota if you would like to contribute.

CHURCH BOOKINGS

These can be discussed by contacting Julie Rathbone on juliestalbans@hotmail.com



THANK YOU

Thank you to all who donated and attended our Pancake Day. £264.40 was raised for church funds.

Items for next month's newsletter must be received by 18.3.26

Send them to Kathy at khobbs200517@gmail.com



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ST ALBANS CHURCH



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DATES FOR MARCH



SERVICES

1st 9.30am Cafe church

4th * No mid week communion*

8th 9.30am Parish communion

11th 10am Mid week communion

15th 9.30am Parish communion

11.30am Baptisms

18th 10am Mid week communion

22nd 9.30am Parish communion

25th 10am Mid week communion

29th 9.15am Palm Sunday liturgy

30th 7pm Holy week worship

31st 7pm Holy week worship

OTHER DATES

5/12/19/26th 7pm Bible study at The Vicarage

4th 2pm Welcome Group

7th 9am Men's Breakfast

18th 1.30pm Bereavement Group

25th 1.30pm Prayer Group

A message from Philip

THE WOMAN AT THE WELL- JOHN 4 V5-42

Anyone who reads the Bible regularly has their favourite characters. One of mine is the woman at the well. She clearly had plenty of baggage and even if the five husbands had been decent that would have been a great deal to cope with. It is much more likely that she had been mistreated along the way. Yet she still had some sparkle left and was quite spiky with Jesus. She did not shrink from an important discussion with him even though she was more than a bit 'who do you think you' are at the start. But Jesus moves her a great deal. His knowledge of her situation is unsettling and she leaves her bucket behind. Even though she is not 100% about Jesus she instigates the conversion of a number of Samaritans.

This woman shows how indispensable native wit is. When you come across people who have it and have formal education also they are truly formidable. She was open to change whereas so many religious leaders were not. We need to be open because Jesus has always has loads to teach us.

The episode also shows us the importance of encounter that seems to be, but rarely is, random. We can be doing absolutely nothing and end up having a really important conversation. God does not save us through frantic busyness but through response to his love and grace. We have nothing to boast about but in Christ we have the ultimate freedom.

