

WELCOME GROUP

We may get a bit mucky at our next meeting on Wednesday 6th May at 2pm as it is a plant swap session. If you love plants, perennial, annuals, flowers, or veg and have some to share, why not come along and join in the fun. Everyone is welcome. Tea and biscuits afterwards - with clean hands, of course.



COMMUNITY CRAFTERS

We have been grateful for donations of wool to help people create lovely baby and children's clothes, blankets large and small, twiddle mitts and much more. Thoughts are also turning to displays for Remembrance in November. Already, some poppies have been knitted. Anyone who would like a pattern and wool, please speak to Kath J or Pauline.

LADIES BREAKFAST

This is being planned, details will be available soon.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We desperately need volunteers for the Thursday Drop In refreshments rota. If you could help at all making drinks or washing up, please speak to Kathy or Norma. We would also like a few more volunteers for our sidespeople and welcome rota. Please speak to Kathy for more details of what this involves.

**Volunteers
needed**

CHURCH BOOKINGS

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

ST ALBANS AGM Wednesday 6th May 7pm

Please come along to support Philip and the PCC

FUNDRAISING FASHION SHOW Wednesday 20th May 7pm

Tickets will be on sale soon. Please invite your friends.



WATER AID COFFEE MORNING Saturday 20th June 10am

Donations of cakes and raffle prizes will be gratefully received.



Items for next month's newsletter must be received by 20.5.26

Send them to Kathy at khobbs200517@gmail.com



St Albans Church Newsletter



May 2026

ST ALBANS CHURCH



FOREST TOWN

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DATES FOR MAY SERVICES



3rd 9.30am Cafe Church

6th 10am Mid-week communion

10th 9.30am Parish communion

13th NO MID WEEK COMMUNION

14th 7.45pm Ascension Day Communion

17th 9.30am Parish communion

11.30am Baptisms

20th 10am Mid-week communion

24th 9.30am Parish communion

27th 10am Mid-week communion

31st 9.30am Parish communion

Other Dates

6th 2pm Welcome Group in Church

7pm AGM in Church

7th/14th/21st/28th 10am Drop In

7th/21st/28th 7pm Bible Study at The Vicarage

20th 1.30pm Bereavement Group in Church

7pm Women's Fashion Show in Church- this had rave reviews last year

27th 1.30pm Prayer Group in Church



A message from Philip

LET'S NOT HAVE A SMALL GOD

One of my favourite films is Inception, by the genius director Christopher Nolan. In it one character says to another, "Dream a little bigger darling." I have been doing that about God. A programme about the universe inspired me. The numbers involved in trying to explain the size of the universe are so vast they are beyond all but proper mathematicians. So if the universe is that vast the one who called it into being is even vaster. God gave the universe so what can he do for you and for me? Will we let God keep building us? As many of you know I was brought up in a dour Yorkshire household. Joy was never on the agenda. Yet now there are times when I feel ready to burst with God given joy. Language is not always enough. Sometimes music is needed. The best brings heaven closer.

The infinite God gives us all of his love. As well as being infinite she is closer to us than we are to ourselves. May you know how much God loves you and allow yourself to be built into "the full stature of Christ."



CHOOSE JOY

