

WELCOME GROUP

At our meeting on Wednesday 3rd June we will be learning about the work of the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance. This is another worthwhile charity that has helped save many lives. Any donations we can make will help towards the cost of each flight they undertake. Please come along and bring your friends 2pm in church.

COMMUNITY CRAFTERS

Space doesn't allow for listing the many items the crafters make. Over 300 blankets have now gone to the hospital or hospice. We are aware the Hospice would like some twiddle mitts, if anyone is able to make these, or if you do not know what these are, then come along to the Thursday Drop In, have a coffee, a chat and discover more.

POSTAGE STAMPS

We are pleased to tell you the first batch of used postage stamps have been taken to the PDSA (Peoples Dispensary For Sick Animals). We discovered we can just take them into their charity shop and get a thank you. Very different to last year when they were posted at a cost to a charity that never acknowledged the donation.

FASHION SHOW

The fashion show was a great evening and raised £300 for church funds.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

New rotas will be created soon for sidespeople/welcome, also for people to operate the screens on Sunday. Please speak to Kathy if you would like to be included on these. Training available.

CHURCH BOOKINGS

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

WATER AID COFFEE MORNING Saturday 20th June 10am

Donations of cakes and raffle prizes will be gratefully received. Please come along to our coffee morning to raise funds for this important cause. If you are able to help in any way please speak to Norma, Julie, Judith or Kathy.

CHURCH KEYS

If you have any church keys please speak to Philip or the PCC. We are now very short of keys for those who need to open up church for various groups. Thank you.

AGM

Thank you to all those who attended this year. The PCC members elected for 2026/7 were Norma Fyfe, Kathy Hobbs, Judith Pierpoint and Julie Ramsdale.

SAVE THE DATE

MANSFIELD COMMUNITY CHOIR SUMMER CONCERT Friday 17th July 7pm

FUNDRAISING BINGO Saturday 18th July 4-6pm

LADIES BREAKFAST Saturday 25th July 9-10am

Items for next month's newsletter must be received by 17.6.26
Send them to Kathy at khobbs200517@gmail.com



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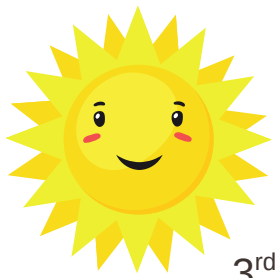
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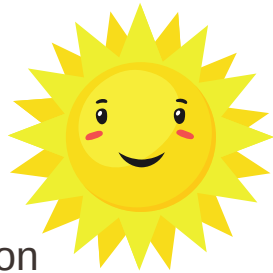
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DATES FOR JUNE SERVICES



3rd 10am Mid-week communion

7th 9.30am Cafe Church

10th 10am Mid-week communion

14th 9.30am Parish communion

6pm Aidan's confirmation at St Edmunds,
Mansfield Woodhouse

17th 10am Mid-week communion

21st 9.30am Parish communion

11.30am Baptisms

24th 10am Mid-week communion

28th 9.30am Parish communion

Other Dates

3rd 2pm Welcome Group

17th 1.30pm Bereavement Group

20th 10am Water Aid coffee morning

24th 1.30pm Prayer Group

4th/11th/18th/25th

10am Drop In

7pm Bible study at the Vicarage



A message from Philip

TOGETHER WE STAND

One of the leisure books I read recently was a light-hearted look at the golden age of the LP. It mentioned many times how music was a shared experience. Today it is all much more solitary as so many seem imprisoned by headphones. On a more serious note more and more are scrapping funerals for so called pure cremation. There has been a huge move from doing things together to doing them on your own. This can even apply to prayer. Many still pray but on their own. It used to be said that, "The family that prays together stays together." Praying together strengthens a church. It is Jesus' people, meeting together in his name. Think of Matthew 18 v19-20, "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them." Hanging out with Jesus is the greatest honour but we need help and guidance about how to pray. Prayer draws us into the life of the Trinity. In Romans 8 v26-7, Paul says, "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God."



Let's Pray 

