

WELCOME GROUP

We are pleased to announce that at our last meeting which was a talk about the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance a fantastic amount of £404.66 was raised for this very worthy cause. Thank you to everyone who came along. Our next meeting on the 1st July will be a Cream Tea with various diets catered for.



COMMUNITY CRAFTERS

This title encompasses a wide variety of crafts & skills by many people. Knitting, crocheting, stitched tapestry, wood crafts, recycling poppy wreaths that this year will each have information of a person on our cenotaph to be displayed in late October early November. Other people help by trimming used postage stamps to go to a charity. For everyone that comes along there is always a cuppa, biscuit, or cake and lots of chatting. Additionally many people do craft work at home and bring it along on a Thursday morning between 10 & 12 noon.

POSTAGE STAMPS

Please continue to bring your trimmed postage stamps and put them in the red post box. Thank you.

SHERWOOD FOREST FOOD BANK

We are always grateful for any contributions for the foodbank which can be placed in the box at the back of church. Tinned goods and toiletries are always needed. Please check sell by dates if you can.



CHURCH BOOKINGS

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

WATER AID COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who supported this event. £490.03 was raised for Water Aid.

MANSFIELD COMMUNITY CHOIR SUMMER CONCERT Friday 17th July 7pm

Tickets are now available priced at £7 per adult. The concert includes The Pleasley Colliery Welfare Band so please support this evening if you are able to.



FUNDRAISING BINGO Saturday 18th July 4-6pm

This promises to be an evening of great fun and fellowship. Tickets cost £3 per adult and are available now. Any donations of prizes would be gladly welcomed.

LADIES BREAKFAST Saturday 25th July 9-10am

Please put your name down on the list if you are planning to attend. There is no ticket price but donations towards the catering are welcome on the day.



THANK YOU

To all those who have faithfully continued to get to church each week despite the parking charges and the regular road works. Thank you for your resilience.

Items for next month's newsletter must be received by 15.7.26

Send them to Kathy at khobbs200517@gmail.com



St Albans Church Newsletter

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ST ALBANS CHURCH



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DATES FOR JULY



SERVICES

1st 10am Mid-week communion

5th 9.30am Cafe Church

8th 10am Mid-week communion

12th 9.30am Parish communion

15th 10am Mid-week communion

19th 9.30am Parish communion

11.30am Baptisms

22nd 10am Mid-week communion

26th 9.30am Parish communion

29th 10am Mid-week communion

Other dates

1st 2pm Welcome Group in Church

15th 1.30pm Bereavement Group in Church

17th 7pm Mansfield Community choir summer concert

18th 4pm Bingo Evening

25th 9am Ladies Breakfast

29th 1.30pm Prayer Group in Church

2/9/16/23/30th

10am Drop In in Church

7pm Bible Study at the Vicarage

A message from Philip

MEETING GOD

No member of the human race can avoid one particular truth. A day will come when we see God face to face. He is the one who knows absolutely everything about us from start to finish. There is no scamming God. None of us knows how long we have. That should not make us alarmed but give us impetus to make the most of the here and now. We need to know ourselves. That means owning the gifts that God has given us. We use those gifts to respond to those we feel called to love and serve. For the vast majority of us we are not called to anything spectacular but when we help those in need we are responding to Jesus. No one may see or give us any credit but God sees. When we do the right thing we are not chasing a reward. The doing is sufficient.

We also need to face up to our less creditable parts and for this we need the help of God's Holy Spirit. We can spend decades blaming others and deluding ourselves that we are purer than pure. When we face the truth it can be very uncomfortable but it sets us on the road to liberation.

ABSENCE OF THOUGHT DESTROYS A NATION

That is a quote from Hannah Arendt when contemplating the Nazi regime. It is profoundly and shockingly correct. In our current context it is happening on all sides of the political spectrum. There are cases where dangerous people have been released and gone on to murder because of misplaced fears about racism. Others fail to grasp that the NHS would collapse without immigrant labour. Whatever our politics we need to be thinking people. This is far from being an educational issue. Some alleged experts have tunnel vision. Some ordinary people see things very clearly. Please pray for the political situation in our country.

Pray