

WELCOME GROUP

Our next meeting on Wednesday 5th August at 2pm will be FASHION AND ACCESSORIES THROUGHOUT THE AGES. If you have anything that falls into this category then do bring it along. I.e. The garter you wore under your wedding dress, your grandads' spats! or braces. Grandmas' turban and wraparound apron just to name a few things. It should be another fun session, and everyone is welcome.

COMMUNITY CRAFTERS

There is hardly a week goes by when someone does not bring in a beautiful blanket that they have made. There have been some lovely baby ones just lately. There is so much talent amongst the people who sit around our crafters table, or just pop in to bring items they have made. It is very rewarding that through people, the coffee morning, our church and the community we can help other people. Thank you everyone and also people who donate wool. Every Thursday 10-12 noon.

POSTAGE STAMPS

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

OLD NEWSPAPERS

We are collecting these to support the Widflower Hedgehog Rescue in Clipstone.

OLD CANDLES

We have been asked to save any old candles for a charity in Romania. Please ask Norma for more details.

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

BINGO

Thank you to everyone who supported this event. £430 was raised for church funds.

SAVE THE DATE

SUMMER FAYRE Saturday 29th August 10-12 noon.

Help required to prepare church, donations for any stalls and help on the day- all gladly received.

GRAVEYARD TIDY Saturday 12th September 10-12 noon

Volunteers needed to tidy the back graveyard. The ground is uneven so great care must be taken. Stout shoes, gardening gloves and own tools will be needed.

NOTTINGHAM CHAMBER WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT Saturday 31st October 3-5pm

More details to follow.

Items for next month's newsletter must be received by 19.8.26

Send them to Kathy at khobbs200517@gmail.com



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ST ALBANS CHURCH



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2nd 9.30am Parish communion
9th 9.30am Parish communion
16th 9.30am Parish communion
12noon Baptisms
19th 10am Mid-week communion
23rd 9.30am Parish communion
26th 10am Mid-week communion
30th 9.30am Parish communion

OTHER DATES

5th 2pm Welcome Group in church
6th/13th/20th/27th 10am Drop In in church
19th 1.30pm Bereavement Group in church
26th 1.30pm Prayer Group in church
29th 10am Summer Fayre in church

PARKING

Please can we remind you to park respectfully when attending church and to be mindful that roads are kept clear for emergency vehicle access.

A message from Philip

SILENCE IS GOLDEN

God made an effectively infinite universe so therefore operates on an even bigger scale than the universe he created. We can only know of God that which he chooses to tell us. He tells us most through Jesus.

It is so life giving to give genuine thanks and praise to God but a stage can be reached where the inadequacy of even our finest words becomes painfully apparent. Some music can then help take us onto a different level because it can bring a strong sense of God's might and God's closeness. The awe it generates can be close to overwhelming.

Silence becomes necessary as we try to grasp the God who is so beyond us and yet close to us.

Silence before God is challenging. We get distracted hence there is sometimes need to light a candle to keep our focus on God or use a sentence or two from Scripture that inspires us. In silence we give God a chance to speak or guide in whatever way is right. For example he may use the silence to give us another way of looking at things. No matter how long we have been Christians for our way of looking at and hearing things will sometimes be imperfect. God may wish to give us a deeper appreciation of a passage in the Bible. He may want us to change our lives, perhaps by working on difficult relationships.

Are we willing to go deeper with God? Are we willing to change ourselves? When we make the effort, and this may take some time, we get the reward.



Listen
TO THE
SILENCE

