

WELCOME GROUP

Do join us at our next meeting on Wednesday 2nd September at 2pm. There will be a short AGM followed by Michelle Jennings who will be telling us about the work of Mansfield Woodhouse Foodbank. If you are able please bring an item of food or toiletries to donate.

COMMUNITY CRAFTERS

There are a wide variety of crafts being worked by busy people both at the Thursday Coffee Morning and at home. People are turning their thoughts to Remembrance and poppies appear each week. If you would like to help with these we can supply a pattern and wool. Please speak to Pauline or Kath J.

USED 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 Ukraine. Please ask Norma for more details.

OLD SPECTACLES

We have found a charity who will recycle old pairs of glasses. Please speak to Sarah Hall for more details.

FLOWER FUND

Pat and Jean keep a fund which helps pay for the flowers in church. If you are able to make a contribution please speak to either of them.

ELECTORAL ROLL

Kathy is the Electoral Roll Officer, please speak to her if you would like a form to fill in if you would like to be on the roll for St Albans.

PLANNED GIVING

Andrew is our treasurer and can help if you are looking to give regularly towards God's work at St Albans. This can be through the envelope scheme or by direct transfer from your bank account. He also deals with our Gift Aid claim if you are a tax payer.

SUMMER FAYRE

Huge thanks to everyone who helped in any way. We raised a total of £1040.35

SAVE THE DATE

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 16.9.26

Send them to Kathy at khobbs200517@gmail.com



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ST ALBANS CHURCH



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DATES FOR SEPTEMBER



SERVICES

1st 10am Mid-week communion (not a mistake!)

6th 9.30am Cafe church

9th 10am Mid- week communion

13th 9.30am Parish communion

12noon Baptisms

16th 10am Mid-week communion

20th 9.30am Parish communion

27th 9.30am Parish communion

30th 10am Mid- week communion

OTHER DATES

2nd 2pm Welcome Group

3/10/17/24th

10am Drop In/Community Crafters

3/10/17th

7pm Bible Study at Vicarage

12th 10am-12 noon Graveyard clear up

16th 1.30pm Bereavement Group in church

30th 1.30pm Prayer Group in church

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 11th October at 9.30am

DECORATING FOR HARVEST

Saturday 10th October from 10am



A message from Philip

LIVE, LOOK, LISTEN

Jesus is always wanting to give us gifts. He wants us to have what is best for us, which is abundant life here and for eternity. Years ago I heard a little bit from an interview with a just retired international lawyer. He was 97 and very much still alive. There are many prayers we can pray at the start of the day. Sometimes we need one like, "Lord, help me to live today and not just exist." How we respond to the day is much more of a conscious decision than we are ready to admit.

Part of living is looking and thinking about what we see. The NHS has plenty wrong with it and we see that very quickly. We are much slower to see the armies of good folks that work for it. Let's try not to be overwhelmed by the constant barrage of gloom but look for the good.

One gift we are more inclined to give when we live and not just exist is the gift of listening. It can give people a pleasant shock. We can learn things, especially when we listen to God. It creates and nurtures relationships and "relationships are real."