

WELCOME GROUP

Wednesday 7th October our speaker will be Paul Stafford who will be talking to us about 'Disability Nottinghamshire'. Some people will know Paul as he often pops into Thursday Drop in for a coffee.

COMMUNITY CRAFTERS

Many people have been knitting or crocheting poppies contributing towards decorating the village. This year the local Royal British Legion are having the Poppy Launch in our church on Thursday 22nd October at the coffee morning. We hope to put just a couple of the large displays up afterwards. Then we will decorate the village on the Friday or Saturday (day to be confirmed). We would love as many people as possible to help with this so please put the dates in your diaries. It is a very rewarding thing to take part in.

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 Wildflower 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.

CHURCH FAMILY BREAKFAST Saturday 3rd October 9-10am

Please come along for breakfast and fellowship, chance for a chat over a bacon cob and a cuppa. No charge, but donations very welcome.

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

The programme will be a light hearted selection of music from the musicals. A fun, friendly afternoon of entertainment. Tickets are £5 to include refreshments and available from Sue Wood. Please come along and invite your friends.

REFRESHMENTS ROTAS

We are in need of people to help out with refreshments, especially at the Thursday Drop In, but also on Sunday after the service and for the Church Family Breakfasts. Please speak to Norma or Kathy if you are able to help in any way.

SAVE THE DATE

FOREST TOWN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON Friday 20th November

Details to be confirmed

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Saturday 28th November 10-12noon

If you are able to help in any way please speak to any of the PCC ladies

Items for next month's newsletter must be received by 21.10.26

Send them to Kathy at khobbs200517@gmail.com



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ST ALBANS CHURCH



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DATES FOR OCTOBER SERVICES



4th 9.30am Cafe Church
11th 9.30am Harvest Communion
14th 10am Mid-week communion
18th 9.30am Parish communion
12 noon Baptisms
21st 10am Mid-week communion
25th 9.30am Parish communion
28th 10am Mid-week communion

OTHER DATES

7th 2pm Welcome Group
1st/8th/15th/22nd/29th
10am Drop In/Community Crafters
7pm Bible Study at Vicarage
21st 1.30pm Bereavement Group in church
28th 1.30pm Prayer Group in church



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 11th October at 9.30am

PLEASE BRING DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK



DECORATING FOR HARVEST

Saturday 10th October from 10am

TIDY UP CHURCH

Wednesday 14th October from 10.45am

A message from Philip

A PRAYER

A prayer that some pray in the morning: Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger, order us in all our doings and guide us to do always what is righteous in your sight: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HUMILITY IS HARD

When Christ came to earth "he made himself nothing" See Philippians 2 v5-11. The following words appear in 2 Corinthians 12 v9, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Paul hears those words from God. When we are full of our self then where is the room for God? If we are self-sufficient then how much need for God do we seem to have? God may get an occasional look in but after that he will be put back in his box. The ones that Jesus disapproved of were often seen as the good guys and thought of themselves as the good guys. The Pharisees worked really hard to be right with God but slipped into over reliance on rules and regulations. The older son in the prodigal son parable had never put a foot wrong but he did not begin to understand grace.

Killing the ego and replacing it with the Holy Spirit leads to freedom but it is easier said than done and is a lifelong process. There are times for all of us when we take a step backwards but with God's help we recover and move forward.

