

WELCOME GROUP

Wednesday 4th November at 2pm we will be considering what women of all ages did in WW1 & WW2. This is such a broad topic it will be impossible to cover it all. We will however discover why some ended up before a judge.

COMMUNITY CRAFTERS

As I write this some of the energetic group will be decorating the village with hundreds of poppies that have been made and other craft items. Thank you everyone. We will then turn to producing items for Kings Mill Hospital and other needy causes. Donations of wool will always be welcome.

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 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. We cannot use glasses cases.

CHURCH FAMILY BREAKFAST Saturday 7th November 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.

FOREST TOWN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON Friday 20th November

Service in church at 4.30pm.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Saturday 28th November 10-12noon

We would be very grateful for donations for any of the stalls, for people to set up church on Friday, for baked goods for the refreshments and for anyone who would like to help on a stall. Please speak to one of the PCC ladies for more details.

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

CHRISTNGLE Sunday 6th December at 4pm

CHRISTMAS STUDENTS CONCERT Friday 11th December

LATVIAN CHOIR CONCERT Saturday 12th December 6pm

CAROL SERVICE Sunday 13th December at 4pm

COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT Friday 18th December

CRIB SERVICE Thursday 24th December at 4pm

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION Thursday 24th December at 11.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNION Friday 25th December at 10am

Items for next month's newsletter must be received by 18.11.26

Send them to Kathy at khobbs200517@gmail.com



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DATES FOR NOVEMBER

SERVICES

- 1st 9.30am Cafe church**
- 4th 10am Mid-week communion**
- 8th 9.30am Parish communion**
- 10.45am Remembrance Service**
- 11th 10am Mid-week communion**
- 11am Remembrance Day observance**
- 15th 9.30am Parish communion**
- 12noon Baptisms**
- 18th 10am Mid-week communion**
- 20th 4.30pm Service for switching on of Christmas lights**
- 22nd 9.30am Parish communion**
- 25th 10am Mid-week communion**
- 29th 9.30am Parish communion**

OTHER DATES

- 4th 2pm Welcome Group**
- 5/12/19/26th**
- 10am Drop In/Community Crafters**
- 7pm at The Vicarage Prayer Course/Bible study**
- 7th 9am Church Family Breakfast**
- 18th 1.30pm Bereavement Group in church**
- 25th 1.30pm Prayer Group in church**
- 28th 10am Christmas Fayre**

A message from Philip

STARTING THE BIBLE

The Bible is invaluable but very hard to negotiate. Nearly everyone who starts at the beginning gets discouraged. We worship God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, not the Bible. Our reading needs to start with Jesus in the four gospels- Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. For me, Luke and John are the best two to start with. For most people it is essential to read the Bible in small chunks. If you need to stop and think about what you have read do so. That thinking is often a good time to learn what God is saying to us through the passage. Another reason to read a bit at a time is sustainability. The Bible should be a daily companion for life so if you start reading it loads at a time you will almost certainly run out of steam. If we stick with it, God will keep breathing the life of his Holy Spirit into what we read. The Bible is a living text and if we stay open minded, we never stop learning from it. To keep that state of mind it helps to pray for understanding before, during and after our reading. If you think it might help, I am always up for a chat about the Bible.

SOMETIMES THE YOUNGSTERS DO IT BETTER

I will never forget an 18 year old with a ravenous spiritual hunger. Church did not cut it for him because it was not spiritual enough. Very often we let go of youthful idealism too easily and lose sight of what really counts. If we are not careful the hassle of daily life can defeat us. I am not talking about trauma here but daily things that are more complex than they need to be.

The first thing to awaken my interest in Christianity was that Jesus would be the bringer of justice. At 66 that vision has become ever so important to me again. I thought about it when I saw a Trump lackey grovelling to Putin. Here and now we must do what we can for justice but Jesus will complete the programme and the results will be a colossal surprise. "Indeed, there are those who are last who will be first and first who will be last."

Thank you Jesus for walking every step of the way with us.