

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S
CHURCH SERVICES DECEMBER 2012

9 th December	4.00pm	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE Rev. Fiona Haskett
Readings: Gill Needle – Mal 3 vv 1 – 4 Val Edwards – Luke 3 vv 1 – 6		
Sideperson: Gill Needle		
23 rd December	6.30pm	CANDLELIT CAROLS Rev. Fiona Haskett
Sideperson: Gilly Fifield		
<i>Mulled wine and mince pies will be served in the Village Hall after the Service</i>		
24 th December	10.00pm	HOLY COMMUNION Rev. Fiona Haskett
Readings: Gilly Fifield – Titus 2 vv 11 – 14 Val Edwards – Luke 2 vv 1 – 14		
Sideperson: Val Edwards		

SOCIAL CLUB CHRISTMAS OPENING		Kevin Caine
Friday 21 st December	-	Normal opening from 8.30pm
Sunday 23 rd	-	Open 8.30pm (mulled wine and mince pies in the Hall after 6.30 Carol Service)
Monday 24 th	-	Open 8.30pm
Tuesday 25 th	-	CLOSED
Wednesday 26 th	-	CLOSED
Friday 28 th	-	Normal opening from 8.30pm
Monday 31 st	-	Social bring and share evening
Wednesday 2 nd January	-	Normal opening from 8.30pm

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2012

Hints web site www.hints-village.com
 Rev. Fiona Haskett 01543 432233

Dear Friends

Well Christmas is almost upon us again – where on earth has the year gone? Our shopping centres are festooned with trees and lights while shops selling lots of “must have for Christmas” items are springing up all over the place. As Graham & I walked around Stafford the other day we could already feel the spirit of Christmas working in those around us as they searched for the ideal gifts for their loved ones.

Gifts are a very important part of Christmas; they should be a way of showing someone how much they mean to us. It's also important to remember that at Christmas we are also celebrating the anniversary of the time when God gave the greatest possible gift to the world – his son Jesus Christ.

However, do you ever think of those who are not as fortunate as we are, those who don't live in secure and comfortable surroundings and are unlikely to receive many gifts at Christmas? One such group of people are the women and children who are helped by the Pathway Project in Lichfield. This is an organisation that gives help and support to women living in abusive or violent relationships, provides a safe refuge for those wishing to escape those relationships and then helps them to move on and set up their own homes. Pathway was recently given the Queen's award for voluntary service.

We at St Bartholomew's will be collecting items that can be given to the women and children being helped by Pathway this Christmas. In particular they would appreciate variety packs of sweets or new toys for the children and toiletries or cosmetics for the women. In addition, they are always grateful for unwanted towels or items of bedding that are in good condition as these can be given to those who are setting up their own homes. A box will be at the back of church between now and Christmas for anything that you feel able to give them – I know how much they would appreciate it.

In the meantime may I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Fiona

HINTS VILLAGE HALL**Graham Whittaker – Chairman****TONY LLOYD'S PRESENTATION ON FRIDAY, 7th DECEMBER
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 9.00pm.**

There will be a presentation to Tony to thank him for his thirteen years as Chairman. Please come along and say your thank you.

QUIZ NIGHT in the Village Hall on Saturday, 2nd February 2013 at 7.30pm start. Deb and I will be setting the questions so you won't have problems with the answers! The price is £5 per person to include a fish and chip supper, or the bargain price of 4 for £20!! Maximum team size of 6. There will be a raffle on the night so all prizes gratefully accepted. Please contact me or Deb to get your tickets.

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JANET CLARKE

Janet, thank you for being the Newsletter editor for the last six years. The newsletter is an important part of village life and certainly more reliable than the Internet! Good luck with the music.

NEW EDITOR

I'm delighted to welcome Peter Edwards as the new Newsletter Editor. Peter lives in School Lane, Hints, and can be contacted on 01543 480088 or email peter@weardrive.demon.co.uk Please give him your support with items for inclusion and I, for one, will look forward to January's newsletter. I can now retire gracefully, knowing that "all is well."

My very sincere thanks go to Helen and Kevin, Val and Peter and Roy who have been delivering the newsletters in all weathers, for the last six years and also to Elaine for being my proof reader. Thanks, also, to those of you who have sent me items of interest over the years for inclusion in the newsletters. Keep up the good work!

May I take this opportunity to wish all our readers a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

HINTS GOLF SOCIETY**Elaine Clarke**

Our last game of the season at Whittington Heath Golf Club on Monday, 19th November 2012 was won by David Fifield with an incredible 38 points (narrowly beating Bill Webber on countback)! Very well done to David who obviously played extremely well and had saved his best until the last game of the season! A very worthy winner.

We have played some very nice courses again this year and apart from one game, have also been extremely lucky with the weather! This year's Order of Merit has been won by the HGS President, Simon Clarke, with a commendable three point lead, beating myself and Jez Holloway in joint second place! Well done Simon!

Next year's golf will start again on the 17th/18th March for our 'Spring Tour' (venue yet to be decided) and as ever, we would very much welcome any new members. Basically, we try and play a different golf course each month, followed by a meal and a good laugh! If you are a golfer and would like to join us, please contact simon@manorfarmfruits.co.uk

TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

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Chairman of the Social Club – Ged Henson 07713 573465
Chairman of Hints with Canwell Parish Council –
Geoff Kynaston 0121 308 6145
Chairman of the Garden Guild – Maureen Casson 481151
'Art History' - Val Edwards 480088
V. Hall Bookings Sec. - Gill Needle 481220
Art Classes – Janet Clarke 481214

Please submit any items for inclusion in January's newsletter to Peter Edwards as soon as possible after Christmas. Thank you.

