

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S
CHURCH SERVICES January 2013

13th January 6.30pm Holy Communion (CW)
Rev. Fiona Haskett

Readings: Gill Needle – Acts 8:14-17
 Val Edwards – Luke 3: 15-17,21-22
Sideperson: Gill Needle

27th January 6.30pm Evening Worship
Rev. Fiona Haskett

Readings: Roy Clarke – 1 Cor 12:12-31a
 Janet Clarke – Luke 4: 14-21
Sideperson: Val Edwards

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"A Happy New Year to all our readers!"

EDITOR'S NOTES

I've taken over from Janet Clarke as Editor. I can be contacted at The School House, School Lane, Hints, B78 3DW, Phone 01543 480088 or e-mail peter@weardrive.demon.co.uk. Many thanks to Janet for being the Editor for the last 6 years.

I would like any copy for the Newsletter before (about) the 25th of each month. We need your input!

Each month, we need to photocopy about 124 copies of the newsletter for distribution. This has been funded jointly by the Church, Parish Council, Village Hall and Social Club, but is still quite a lot of money. If you are willing to receive the Newsletter by e-mail, it could save a lot of dosh! If you would like to receive the Newsletter in this way (as a PDF), please send me an e-mail saying so – that way, I shall have your e-mail address and can build a group mailing list so I just push one button...

Please note that this newsletter is also available on the Village website – www.hints-village.com (courtesy of Kevin Caine).

Peter Edwards

HINTS VILLAGE HALL Graham Whittaker – Chairman

TONY LLOYD'S PRESENTATION

There was a good turnout when Tony Lloyd was presented with a tankard to mark his 13 years as Chairman. There is a new Honours Board in the lounge, and Tony's name follows the names of all other Chairmen since the hall was opened. Janet Clarke was also presented with a bouquet of flowers to thank her for being the Newsletter Editor for the last 6 years.

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. 01543 480090 or email grahamawhittaker@gmail.com

My presentation (Tony Lloyd)

I would like to thank Graham and Debbie, and everyone that helped on the 7th December to put on my "surprise presentation" for my 13 years as Chairman of the Village Hall. I shall still remain active as vice-chairman.

Book Club (Janet Clarke)

The next Book Club will meet at June Northway's on Monday January 14th. Bring nibbles for a shared New Year celebratory lunch.

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

This will restart on Monday 21st January at 7:30 in the Village Hall. The theme will be "Paintings in local collections". All are welcome, £3 per evening. Contact Val Edwards 01543 480088 or just drop in.

Pathway Project (Jeannette White)

I would like to thank all those who brought donations into the Church for this charity.

Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

We had a super Christmas Party on 13th December with sketches, poetry and musical entertainment by Joe and Sue. The next meeting is on 10th January with Roger Hailwood introducing us to "The trees at the National Arboretum at Alrewas". Advance news – 14th February will be "Climbers and Twiners". All meetings start at 7:30 in the Village Hall.

Christmas Craft Day (Debbie Whittaker)

Thanks to all who turned out to make it even bigger and better. We munched through 45 mince pies, 5 Stollen, 15 litres of mulled wine and still

managed to make 35 hearth arrangements, 15 wreaths and decorated 15 Christmas cakes!

Be Aware (Mick Hartland)

A couple of weeks ago four youths wearing grey hoodies with brown jackets were trying to take the ladders off my van and break into it. I managed to scare them away, and they drove off in a red Fiat Punto. I saw then another time driving past the Village Hall without lights, wearing the same clothes. I reported them to the Police each time but they could not find them. Paul (the game keeper) has also seen them and reported their number plate to the Police. Keep your eyes open and if you see them, report them to the Police.

Parish Council (Ann Outen)

The next meeting is 8th January in Quinney Hall at 7:30. Also on the same day is a meeting with HS2 Ltd in the Village Hall from 12:00 to 8:00 as a compensation consultation. 31st January – bi-lateral meeting with HS2 (by invitation only). Please note that there is a link to the Parish Council information on the village website.

Bird update (Janet Clarke)

At long last the small birds have returned and are visiting our feed stations and we are now buying more seeds, peanuts and fat balls. They are such a welcome sight. Bad weather and shortage of food during the summer resulted in the decline in numbers, many nests being abandoned. So far we have seen blue tits, long tailed tits, great tits, coal tits, chaffinches and goldfinches. The lesser spotted woodpecker puts in an appearance now and again as does the nuthatch. Our regulars are the robin, blackbird, starling and sparrow. The starlings are always fighting for room in the bird bath. We have a very fat cock and hen pheasant gleaning under the seed containers and two pigeons have been fighting and cooing (surely it's too early in the year for that sort of behaviour)! We had a fleeting visit from around ten+ fieldfares in the horses' field, all very busy feeding. They are similar in size to a thrush and they live in communities. These are migrant, winter visitors on their way to Scandinavia and I was very lucky to notice them because by the time I had fetched the binoculars they had left. We have had to reposition one of our bird tables as it was in the direct flight path of a bird of prey, consequently no birds were eating there, but they are now back and feeding well.

My grateful thanks to those readers who sent cards or emails thanking me for my time as editor - these were greatly appreciated, as was my basket of flowers, roses and freesias, presented to me at Tony's Presentation Evening."

Young Farmers (Polly Baines)

A Charity Zumba night on 14th January at 7:30 in the Village Hall, price £3. All profits to the Midlands Air Ambulance. Contact Polly on 07854 815508.