

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER April 2024

Editor's notes (Peter Edwards)

Please remember that the deadline for inclusion of items in the Newsletter is the 25th of each month. I need to print 36 copies of the newsletter. If you are willing to receive it by e-mail, send me an e-mail saying so. So far, I've had 120 "e-mailers" (the number is increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs (and my time in delivering them, takes about 2 -3 hours or so).

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Fortnightly on a Friday at 10.00am

April the 12th and 26th

Meet at Village Hall

Allow 2 hours for the walk

For more details contact debjmwhittaker@gmail.com

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We're continuing to meet on Monday afternoons 2pm to 4pm in the Village Hall, on 8th and 22nd April, £5 per session (includes refreshments) £3 for St Bart's and £2 for the Pathway Project. This term we're looking at some quite challenging 20th century women artists. For further details on what we do contact Val on 01543 480088 or email at val.weardrive@btinternet.com.

St Bart's Church - Services and Flowers (Val Edwards)

The services in April are on Sunday 7th at 18.30 (Eucharist) and Sunday 21st at 18.30 (Evening Prayer) both with Revd Canon Stephen Mayes. Help with flowers for the special occasion of Easter Sunday and with cleaning would be much appreciated. For further details contact Val on 01543 480088 or email at val.weardrive@btinternet.com.

Art Classes (Gill Smith)

These classes are now full, watch the newsletter for further information.

Hints website (Kevin Caine)

I contacted the Office for National Statistics and have updated the home page of www.hints-village.com with the findings of the 2021 census.

St Bartholomew's Church (Jane Boyle)

A couple of dates for your diary in aid of raising funds for St Barts. Saturday 29th of June we will be undertaking the 13 mile Parish walk again, from St Bart's to Weeford then Whittington before heading to the Tame Otter in Hopwas for a well-earned break before the final push home up the hill! You can either come and join us for a £25 donation or instead sponsor some of the others who are undertaking this challenge. Donations can be made via our

JustGiving page - <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jane-boyle-st-barts-hints>.

In addition, there will be the Rock Choir returning to St Bart's on Saturday 12th October so come along and have a much easier time, singing along to some of the favourite songs from over the last few decades. Refreshments will also be available. Tickets can be booked through myself, see the back of the newsletter for my details.

And finally, we are hoping to finalise details for an Abba tribute night in St Bart's, more information to follow soon. This will be something very different and promises to be a lot of fun.

All the above help us to keep our village church open so do come and support or help where you can.

Village Hall (John Toogood)

YOUR Village Hall Bar will be open 5th and 19th 7:30 – 10:30 for "Club Night" and 12th for Quiz Night. There is also a Traditional Hints Sunday Breakfast on 21st - contact john@john-toogood.co.uk if you want to join us for breakfast at a cost of £7.50 which includes unlimited teas, coffees and toast.

Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Our members met on Thursday evening 14th March and it was good to welcome several visitors and also our speaker Mark Smith who gave an informative talk on clematis and showed us some beautiful slides of various varieties, I was surprised to learn that clematis can also have long stems and be cut for use in flower arranging. Learning about growing the plant in large pots and trimming back to encourage flowering was interesting and in the autumn removing the supports and then pruning back to just a few inches gave me food for thought and perhaps to have a fresh look at what varieties are available on my next visit to the Garden Centre. This was the last meeting with a speaker as our next meeting on 11th April will be the Annual General Meeting when the year will be under review, subscriptions confirmed and planning for the future will be discussed. Our Garden Guild constitution was set on 9th April, 1987 and revisited and renewed on 13th April, 2006 with the guidelines that membership is open to interested parties of all ages. The committee will consist of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Programme Secretary, Minutes Secretary plus four other members. There is a warm welcome awaiting any volunteers who would like join this friendly group, and help us to plan for the future.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

Nothing this month as the last meeting was cancelled - too many were ill!

St Bartholomew's Church (Lloyd Ansermoz)

Our **Easter Service will be on Sunday 31st March at 10.00 a.m** and our April Services will be held on **Sunday 7th April for our Eucharist service and Sunday 21st for our Evening Prayer Service, both at 6.30 p.m**

Thank you to you all who are currently donating to our Churchyard fund by direct debit and one-off donations. All donations are thankfully received and allocated to our Churchyard fund only and are kept separately and away from our Diocese charges. The fund is hugely important to help us to keep the outside of the church and grounds maintained to the levels we all enjoy as we walk through, take time to relax and enjoy the solitude and beauty of our Church and its surroundings. The cost of just maintaining the Churchyard alone is over £3,000 per year, without the additional challenges and charges that come from other elements such as Tree pruning, gutter cleaning and external repairs and maintenance.

We are currently falling short of our target for this year and so are appealing for help again. If you can help with a regular or one-off donation of whatever you can do, we would be most grateful. All donations are kept strictly confidential with our treasurer Jane who can be contacted by email at jboyle@sherborneqibbs.com or by phone at 07843 077575.

For us and in our church, Easter time is the joyful conclusion to the Lent season and then in the celebration of one of the most celebrated times in our Christian calendar which honours the resurrection of Jesus three days after his death by crucifixion and then his rising from the grave and by this, he conquered death and redeemed us all from sin. Please feel free to join us for this very special service.

We have several events planned throughout the year including our Parish Walk in June and a Rock Choir Concert in Church later in the year. Jane will be keeping us all up to date and we look forward to seeing you all and as always will be very appreciative of your support.

A prayer for Easter:

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards humanity sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross.

Grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility and be made partakers of his resurrection.

Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, Amen

St Bartholomew's Church Organ (Peter Edwards)

The organ has developed some issues with electrical contacts installed in 1974 (nearly 50 years ago). If we don't fix them the organ may not be playable in a year or so, Unfortunately the cost of doing it is just over £900. The Church also needs funds for its general upkeep, as well as Churchyard maintenance. Is anyone prepared to make a donation to help with all of this? If so please contact Jane Boyle PCC Treasurer (see back page).

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St Bartholomew's Church Services **April 2024**

Sun 7 April 18:30 Parish Eucharist
Rev Canon Stephen Mayes
Acts 4: 32-35
1 John 1: 1-end, 2:1-2
John 20: 19-end

Sun 21 April 18:30 Evening Prayer
Rev Canon Stephen Mayes
Readings tbc.

The Church is open every day for private prayer