

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

January 2022

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 41 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 93 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs (and my time in delivering them, takes about 2 -3 hours or so).

Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

By the time everyone will be reading this newsletter the celebration of Christmas will be just a memory, perhaps with eating and drinking making us all think it's time to start yet another diet to get ready for spring and so the wonderful celebration of the birth of Jesus our saviour has come and gone, perhaps even unnoticed or were our churches full giving thanks that we were not in complete lockdown. Today as I write it is the 23rd December so the memory of our last and well attended Garden Guild meeting is still helping me to remember the things our speaker mentioned in his talk about the natural things of the world and their association with Christmas. Did we receive those bright Christmas cards with the cheeky robin decorating the front? Did cards also have pictures of holly with its bright red berries? we are probably ready by now to take down those cards ready for recycling but as our speaker told us the red of the robin's breast and the red holly berries link us back to the blood of Christ so we had a lot to think about at our meeting which also gave us time to socialize over mulled wine and mince pies, so helpfully circulated by Val, Gillian and Paul so thank you to them another enjoyable ending to our meeting. Our January meeting will bring us back to the more 'normal' tea, coffee and biscuits and our chairman has now asked for volunteers to go on the new rota starting in January when we will be welcoming Steve Croft to take us on a journey to enjoy our very own British birds and wildlife. Why not come and join us on the second Thursday in January? Everyone welcome, Village Hall at 7.30pm, see you there.

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Hints walks will start on Friday the 7th January and Friday the 21st. Walks start at 10.00, at the village.

BECAUSE OF COVID, PLEASE CONTACT TO CONFIRM WHETHER THE WALKS ARE TAKING PLACE.

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St Bartholomew's Church (Lloyd Ansermoz)

After a very special Christmas time in our Church 2021 now draws to a close. We would like to thank everybody for your support throughout 2021 and look forward to seeing you all again throughout the new year of 2022.

2021 was a year of "ifs and buts" and "do we or don't we" around many areas of our lives, mainly caused by the uncertainty of the covid virus and its many variants. Confusion and misunderstanding were with us constantly throughout the year, let's hope 2022 brings more clarity and understanding in our lives for us all to move further on in the belief of a better and more settled future.

Thank you so much for the support at our Christmas Carol service, it was lovely Candle lit event with 38 adults and 5 children in attendance which was followed up at the Village Hall for Hot Jacket Potatoes, Cakes, Mince pies and drinks. We were able to raise for the Children's Society £123.63 and about £32 in donations for the food, which will be credited to St Barts' All gratefully received, thanks again to everybody.

Our Services and dates for January are highlighted at the last page, please feel free to join us when you can, you will be made very welcome. Please note that our service on the morning of the 23rd January will be officiated and taken by the **Bishop of Wolverhampton**, the Right Reverend Clive Gregory. This is a very special occasion, and we are looking forward to welcoming Bishop Clive to our beautiful Church alongside our Villagers, friends and families. We would love to see you for your support so please let us know if you can make it.

Following on from the success of our past events we will be holding a Bingo night in January at our Village Hall, please save the date and keep an eye out for our posters in the next couple of weeks. Tickets will be available for adults and children so please let us know as soon as you can for a fun filled enjoyable event.

God Bless to you all for a Healthy and Happy 2022.

Wagon Wheels Line Dancing (Daphne Neill)

Tuesday mornings, contact neilldaphne@yahoo.com.

Art Classes (Gill Smith)

Thursday mornings, contact Gill Smith (see back page)

Church Flowers (Val Edwards)

Thank you to those who provided flowers for the Carol service and Christmas eucharist. The services in January will be on Sunday 2 and 16 at 6.30 pm, with Revd Canon Steven Mayes and an additional service on Sunday 23 January at 10 am, when the Bishop of Wolverhampton is coming to celebrate the eucharist, so again, flowers please! Also, help with vacuuming and dusting in the church for each of the three services would also be very welcome. If you can help, please let me know by contacting me on val.weardrive@btinternet.com or on 480088.

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We hope to start reconvening fortnightly on 10 January 2022, 2pm to 4pm Monday afternoons in the Village Hall, looking at art history thematically in the context of art's interrelationship with the natural world. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available (bring your own mug, if you want!) For further information please contact me on val.weardrive@btinternet.com or on 480088.

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St Bartholomew's Church Services January 2022

Sun 2 January 18:30 Evening Prayer Rev Canon Stephen Mayes
Jeremiah 41: 7-14
Ephesians 1: 3-14
John 1 (1-9) 10-18

Sun 16 January 18:30 Parish Eucharist Rev Canon Stephen Mayes
Isaiah 62: 1-5
1 Corinthians 12: 1-11
John 2: 1-11

Sun 23 January 10:00 Morning Service Rt Rev Clive Gregory
Bishop of Wolverhampton
Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10
1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a
Luke 4: 14-21

The Church is open every day for private prayer.