

## HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER November 2021

### **Editor's notes (Peter Edwards)**

Please remember that the deadline for inclusion of items in the Newsletter is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. I need to print 43 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 92 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs.

To all the people who receive this newsletter by hand – Because of lockdown, I'm the only one delivering. I have to do all of School Lane, up to Canwell and all of Watling Street right up to Mile Oak. PLEASE consider having it by email in future. My contact details are on the back page. Please send me your name, email address and house address so I can keep track.

### **Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)**

It is good to report that our membership has 'grown' and that we are once again able to meet together and enjoy listening to a speaker. Our last meeting was held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October in the village all when we welcomed our own Linda Toogood to tell us all about creating a small garden from scratch, so thank you Linda for your interesting talk and the lovely slides taking us along a journey to different gardens as you moved house several times and as you moved so did your garden knowledge 'grow' and your interest in plants and gardening became such a joy. Sadly, the meeting was not too well attended and unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances on this occasion we were all crammed into the small lounge where the acoustics are not good and we were unable to keep any social distancing. With the growing number of covid cases rising many people are getting more concerned about the wearing of masks and social distancing but hopefully our next meetings will be back in the main hall which was a decision the committee made several years ago and it does help us to socialize more easily when we enjoy our tea coffee and biscuits after our speaker. Thanks once again to Val and Janet so that we could all enjoy a good 'cuppa' together. Our chairman announced that at some date in future we will be holding a 'spud in a tub' competition, so we look forward to enjoying a harvest of home grown and tasty spuds. One of the other garden guilds have tried this with good results so it sounds something we can all enjoy. Our next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November everyone welcome. Why not come along and listen to our speaker Mike Poultney who will be telling us about – Quick and Easy composting – Mike is an author and a Black Country gardener and he was last with us 2016 when we had a good and entertaining evening.

### **Wagon Wheels Line Dancing (Daphne Neill)**

Tuesday mornings, contact [neilldaphne@yahoo.com](mailto:neilldaphne@yahoo.com).

### **Art Classes (Gill Smith)**

Thursday mornings, contact Gill Smith (see back page)

### **Voices Entwined (Peter Edwards / NickySmith)**

Please remember to book your tickets now for the "Voices Entwined" choir night on the 11<sup>th</sup> December. See Lloyd's entry.

### **Church Cleaning – resurrecting the rota? (Val Edwards)**

Now that the church is open every day again as well as for the Sunday services, we really need volunteers to put the vacuum round and dust beforehand. If you can help, please contact me on [val.weardrive@btinternet.com](mailto:val.weardrive@btinternet.com) or on 480088.

### **Harvest Festival Donations (Val Edwards)**

Thanks to everyone who donated foodstuffs for the Harvest Festival – they were taken to the Pathway Project in Lichfield as it is now able to receive donations again. As an advance notice, from the beginning of December we are hoping to collect toiletries, chocolates and toys for Christmas for the Project clients.

### **Christmas wreath and table decoration workshop (Deb Whittaker)**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December at the Village Hall.

2 sessions 10 till 12.30 or 2.00 - 4.30

You will take home a green wreath or table arrangement. Candles and decorations, ribbons available to buy or bring your own.

Tea, coffee, mulled wine and mince pies

£20.00 per person. There will be limited places.

Please contact Deb Whittaker [debjmwhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:debjmwhittaker@gmail.com) for more details and booking.

### **Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)**

Hints walks for November

Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

Meet at Village Hall.

Walks start at 10.00

For more details contact [debjmwhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:debjmwhittaker@gmail.com)

### **Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)**

I have been asked to clarify my entry last month about the proposed Rookery Lane overbridge. I stated that it should be strong enough to carry modern farm machinery. It should have read strong enough to carry traffic up to the current legal weight limit. Apparently modern farm vehicles have not quite reached that limit, yet!

Cadent have advised that they have finished work on the gas pipeline.

Cllr. David Smith has come back with a price for the suggested speed sign painted on the road surface. This will be an item on the agenda at the next Parish Council meeting in Hints at 7.30 on Tuesday 9th November.

### **St Bartholomew's Church Hints (Lloyd Ansermoz)**

October was a great month for us at the Church and thank you to everybody who attended our Harvest Festival and for the donations of food to local causes. There was a great turnout and following the service at Church we all walked up to our Village Hall where we enjoyed Hot Pumpkin Soup and rolls along with tea, coffee, and some cheeky drinks from the bar.

November also comes with some important dates to our Church. The first being All Saint's Day on the 1<sup>st</sup>, an opportunity for Christians to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history. Remembering saints and martyrs and dedicating a specific day to them each year has been a Christian tradition since the 4th century AD and there are several celebrations in Churches throughout the regional diocese.

Another hugely important day is Remembrance Sunday held on the second Sunday of November that commemorates the members of our armed forces who have died and given their lives in wars and other military conflicts since the onset of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War.

Our Remembrance Service will be held this year on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30** and will move on to outside at 11.00 for our usual service and paying our respect at our War Memorial in the Churchyard. You are all more than welcome to attend and if you would like to lay a Poppy or a wreath in honour on the Memorial prior to or during the service you will be welcome to.

Our other services in November are;

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Evening Prayer at 6.30 pm**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> – Eucharist Service at 6.30 pm.**

Please remember to book your tickets now for the “Voices Entwined” choir night on the 11<sup>th</sup> December, here is the reminder again from Nicky:

*It's that time of year again when the nights start drawing in; the television provides us with new Autumn series, and we realise that Christmas is not that far away. So, it's time to start planning ahead and what better way to celebrate the Christmas season than in the beautiful setting of our candlelit Hints church. It has become something of a tradition for 'Voices Entwined' choir to provide an uplifting Christmas Celebration concert with a lantern lit procession up to the village hall for refreshments. Join us for a festive and memorable evening. The date to put in your upcoming events calendar/diary is the 11th December.*

Text or call me on 07900 606070 and I will pass your booking to Nicky and a final reminder and update will be in the next Newsletter

I think the Psalm 95 1-3 is quite apt for the evening:

*"O Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods."*

### **Church Flowers (Val Edwards)**

The services in November will be on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 6.30 pm, with Revd Canon Steven Mayes. There will be an additional service on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30 am for Remembrance Sunday, with Dr Trevor James. If anyone is willing to do two small flower vases for the altar, please let me know by contacting me at [val.weardrive@btinternet.com](mailto:val.weardrive@btinternet.com) or 01543 480088.

### **Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)**

Here we go again, looking at various aspects of art history and incidentally raising money for the church and for the Pathway Project in Lichfield. **2pm to 4pm Monday afternoons (note the new time)** in the Village Hall, starting on 1 November – we will decide then whether people want to meet weekly or fortnightly. 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](mailto:val.weardrive@btinternet.com) or on 480088.

### **Hints film club (Steve Bourne)**

Suspended, [steve.bourne@me.com](mailto:steve.bourne@me.com)

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### St Bartholomew's Church Services November 2021

Sun 7 November 18:30 Evening Prayer      Rev Canon Stephen Mayes  
Jonah 3: 1-5, 10  
Hebrews 9: 24-end  
Mark 1: 14-20

Sun 14 November 10:30 Remembrance Sunday      Dr Trevor James  
Daniel 12: 1-3  
Hebrews 10: 11-14 (15-18), 19-25  
Mark 13: 1-8

Sun 21 November 14:00 Service of Thanksgiving Rev Canon Stephen Mayes  
No readings available

Sun 21 November 18:30 Parish Eucharist      Rev Canon Stephen Mayes  
Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14  
Revelations 1: 46-48  
John 18: 33-37

The Church is open every day for private prayer.