St Alban's News

June 2024



Sunday service info…

If it's your first time with us, welcome!
Everything you need for the service will be shown on the screens at the front, and is also on the service sheet you were given as you arrived

Children are welcome



Every other Sunday we have a children's group for part of the service. On other Sundays there will be activities for children in the service. For small children there is a play area by the door, and we can also arrange another room if required.

Prayer before the service: 9:50am



All are welcome to join us at the front of church at 9:50 as we pray together for the service.

Prayer in Services

If you're here today and would like someone to pray with you or for you, we have a prayer team available during communion.

Collections in services

During the Offertory hymn, a collection plate will be passed round. This is an opportunity for members of the church make their contribution as part of worship. If you are a visitor, please don't feel any pressure to give: you are welcome as our guest.



Summer Plans

See inside for lots of exciting things happening over the summer

Money Matters

Regular Giving – please pray!

St Alban's depends on the faithful giving of church members for the largest part of our income. We receive no funding from the national church or the diocese (although at present they do not charge us the full cost of having a minister).

As we have discussed on several occasions, for the last year our income has fallen short of the cost of running the church. The gap has closed somewhat in the last few months, but unless something changes we will still end the year with a significant deficit, and very little left in our reserves.

Please pray about whether God is calling you to start giving regularly towards the work of the church. Or if you are already giving, is he calling you to respond to his generosity by giving more? For info on how to give, please talk to Barry.

Prayer Room Project

Several years ago there was a plan to convert the old boiler room into a small prayer room. At that time a certain amount of money was given in support of the project, but not nearly enough to cover the cost.

The PCC recently decided that we are now not in a position to proceed with the project. The largest donor has now agreed that we can use the money they gave us for other needs in the church. But if you gave money specifically for the project and are not happy for the church to use it for any other purpose, please speak to Barry.

Prayer Requests

Have you noticed the prayer box just inside the front door? Prayer requests can be posted in there any time the church is open, or on Sundays put on the prayer table on the left near the piano.

Prayer requests will be passed onto to the prayer team who will pray in the week. This is confidential and only the prayer team will see this. Urgent prayer requests can be emailed to: mandy.bishop61@gmail.com

Concert – Sat 8th June: 7:30pm



Missed out on tickets for Taylor Swift? Don't worry, the Ashmore Park Choir's world-famous* Summer Concert is now only a couple of weeks away. Tickets, £5 (£1 for children) are available from the church office or choir members.

Let the choir take you up to the Top of the World, out to the Razzle Dazzle of Chicago, safely into a lifeboat and back to the Sixties.

Music by composers from John Denver to John Rutter, Phil Spector to the Carpenters and everything in between. Complete with guest performers and multi-talented instrumentalists. Don't miss it!

* Or at least famous in A small part of the world



Please speak to Mandy B for more information with regards to the St Albans Church Summer Fayre.

Look out for this film…

We've heard from the Christian couple who arranged the screening of Cabrini (which a number of us enjoyed a few months ago), that another new Christian film, **Unsung Hero**, is being released in the UK in mid-June.

Dates for showings locally have not yet been confirmed, but keep an eye out, and if it does come here please consider going, to show cinemas that there is a market for inspiring content – and to have a great time yourselves.





Spring and Summer Dates

8th June - Ashmore Park Choir Concert

22nd June - St Alban's Summer Fayre

10.30am

29th June - Stuff 4 Steph Community Fair

5th July - Anam Caras concert with Fish and Chips

7pm

Regular activities

Prayer meeting: **Every Friday 11:15am-noon in church**

Bible Study group: **Wednesday evenings (contact Tom)**

Pop-in: **Fortnightly on Tuesday 9-11am. A warm welcome, refreshments, clothes and more. Next Pop-ins 11th and 25th June.**

Ashmore Park Foodbank: **Tue 9-11am and Fri 4-6pm**

TLC for Toddlers and parents / carers:

Friday 9-10:45am during school terms (contact Sam Crosby)

Messy Church: **Brunch, toys, activities and worship for families, normally on the last Saturday morning of the month (but some dates this term have had to be changed).**

Next Messy Church: Saturday 15th June – 10:30-12:00

St Alban's Church

Vicar: Tom Fish **RevTomFish@gmail.com**

Children and Families worker: Sam Crosby

Parish warden and Lay Minister: Terry Braithwaite

District warden: Barry Bishop (also acting Treasurer)

Parish Safeguarding Coordinator: Terry Braithwaite. To report a safeguarding issue ring him on 07486 917863

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