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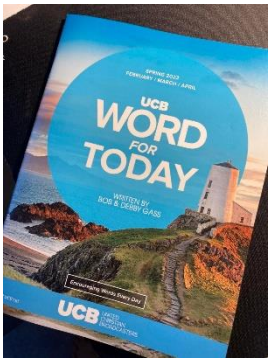
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Every day with Jesus

How do you keep connected to God each day? One of the best ways is to have a regular time to read the Bible and pray.

Here are some resources to help you do that:

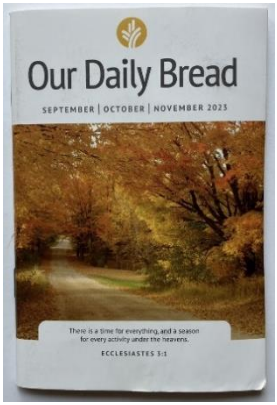
Daily Bible reading notes, normally booklets published every three months, give you a short passage from the Bible to read each day, together with some thoughts for reflection and prayer. We have two available at church – ask at the Welcome Desk.



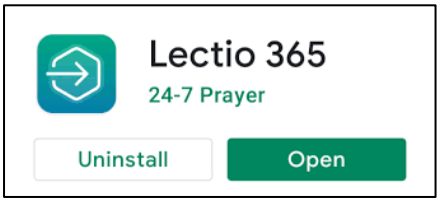
Word for Today, from UCB, the people behind Premier Christian Radio

Our Daily Bread

a daily devotional that has been a favourite here at St Alban's for many years. **Now available here again!**



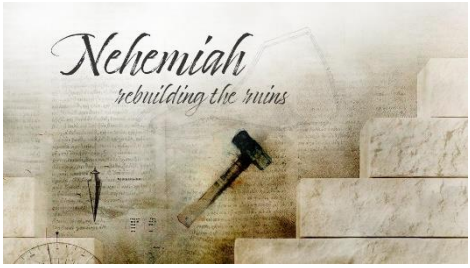
Or if you prefer to listen… **Lectio 365** is an app you can install on your phone, and it gives you 10 minutes of inspired scripture and reflection, with space to pray. It comes from the people who introduced 24/7 prayer, and the Prayer Course. Check it out!



A word from the Lord

Over the last couple of years as we have met each week to pray on Friday mornings, from time to time we've had the sense that God is giving us a picture or a special message as a church.

Arch has collected these together onto one sheet, together with some scriptures and some possible practical things that we need to do in response to what God is saying.
Ask Rev Tom if you'd like a copy.



Most of them are pictures of bricks, starting as rubble on the ground and gradually being rebuilt. These tie in with the Bible book of Nehemiah, which recounts how God's people rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem after coming back from exile. Is God calling us to rebuild our church on the foundation of the Lord Jesus?

A Prayer Place

Every week, Christians from various churches in Willenhall put out a table in the town centre offering people prayer. We've been thinking for some time it would be good to do something similar here, so we're going to give it a try.



Prayer Place in Willenhall

On **Saturday 20th July, from 10:30-12**, we'll have a table outside the Ashmore Park shops. Do drop by to say hello. If you might like to be involved in future, please speak to Tom or Arch.

Dates for the summer

He knows what we knead – Bread-making workshop for all ages, Thursday 25th July and Thursday 8th August

More details from Terry or Sam. To book contact Sam – places are limited.

Teddy Bears' picnic – Friday 26th July and Friday 16th August, 9:30am – 11am

Bring your teddy and a picnic, and enjoy a morning in the garden together. Trampoline, slide, swings, toys. All welcome – just turn up. See Sam for more info.

Summer cleaning and decorating days – Friday 9th and Saturday 10th August

Come and make the church building feel loved. More info from Tom or Barry.

Unsung Hero, Final showing – Monday 15th July, 7pm

The Christian couple who arranged the screening of Cabrini (which a number of us enjoyed a few months ago), have arranged one final showing of another new Christian film, **Unsung Hero** on Mon 15th July, at 7pm.

Tickets are £9.99 from Colleen – call or message her on 07960 050112 or drop in to J C's Coffee House on the Wood End roundabout.

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

Normally, every second Sunday we have a children's group for part of the



service. On other Sundays there will be activities for children in the service. Our children's group takes a break for the summer, so for all the Sundays from 27th July to 1st September there will be activities at the back of church for children during the talk.

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.

St Alban's Church

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