

Extra Notices for Sunday 18th November

Stations of the Cross

We have decided to arrange “Stations of the Resurrection” or “Stations of Joy” based on the readings and prayers in the Common Worship material. They will be on display from Easter Day next year. We have a variety of media being used. Most of the stations are accounted for, but we still have a small number of gaps. If you would like to be a part of this venture, it is still not too late to volunteer. Please speak to Kerry Emmett, Lesley Walton or Anne Horton. For those taking part, a reminder that our next meeting is on Thursday 29th November at 2.30pm at St James. *Kerry.*

Advent Children’s afternoon tea party

A Children’s tea party will be held on 2nd December 2:30-4pm. Please put it in your diary and join us at Wanlip Hall for fun, food, stories and surprises! All ages welcome. I am looking for volunteers to make some party food for the children’s advent party on the 2nd Dec. We are going to offer fairy cakes, sandwiches (fillings to be decided) mini sausage rolls, fresh veg sticks etc. and jelly, and, most importantly, star shaped biscuits for the children to decorate. I shall make the jellies up in the hall the previous afternoon so that they can set in the fridge but if you feel you can help with any of the other items I would be extremely grateful. We don’t have numbers yet but I will share that info as and when I have it. For more details please speak to Debbie Shephard.

Sunday Mornings at Cedar Mews

Residents of Cedar Mews come from a large number of different areas. A good number attended their local churches before coming to Cedar Mews. They would like to attend a service now. Su O’Neill who co-ordinates activities for the residents can’t take the minibus to lots of different churches on a Sunday morning, so she has started a weekly Songs of Praise at the home. She is doing this single-handed, so I am looking to start a rota from January to give her some help. She is having to use canned music as she has no musicians. If you would like to help in any way with this, please let me know. *Kerry.*

Lost property

There are various items that have been left in St James after services. Please check the wicker basket under the table with the pigeon holes on, to see if any of them belong to you.

The Community of the Tree of Life free taster session 24th November

There will be free Taster Sessions for all who are interested in finding out more about The Community of The Tree of Life (The new monastic community that the Diocese of Leicester has set up) on 24th November at St Martins House, 10am-12noon or 2-4pm (Both sessions are the same) There will be an opportunity to meet the staff team, learn about the Community’s Rule of Life and find out about how the Community hopes to work with parishes. The sessions are open to all.

Next meeting 29th November

Recycling Printer Cartridges and Mobile Phones

There is a box at the back of church for your used ink cartridges & mobile phones.

Deanery Synod

Deanery Synod will be held at St James on Wednesday 21st November at 7.15 for 7.45pm. All welcome.

21st November

‘Down memory lane’ Afternoon Teas

At Birstall Methodist Coffee Shop, bi-monthly 2.30-4 pm. If you are or someone close to you is experiencing some loss of memory, or are feeling isolated or lonely ... join us for a drink, music, cakes, a sing-a-long, some entertainment and always a chance to have a chat. If family members or friends would like to come with you, they will be very welcome. To find out more, please contact Janet 0116 2671471

8th December

Prayer Team

Please approach anyone wearing a Prayer Team badge at any time if you would like prayer. Two people will be available at the front left of the main church during the Communion at the 10am service, but we would love to pray with you at any time. Contact Kerry Emmett (3194736) for further information.

Prayer Chain

If you have an urgent prayer request for yourself or for someone you know, please contact Doreen Wilson on 2674680 or Gill Pope on 2675086. This will be passed round the prayer chain as quickly as possible in strictest confidence.

Birstall Food Hub

Birstall Food Hub is becoming an increasingly important place because more and more people are having to wait for their Universal Credit payments to come through. We therefore need more volunteers to boost our great existing team. If you think you might be interested in helping in any capacity, please speak to Gill Chester Tel. 07832299671 email: gill.chester@ntlworld.com or Peter Molesdale Tel. 07984 410618 email: eileenandpete@ntlworld.com

Flowers for special occasions

We are fortunate to have two hugely experienced and professional flower arranging teams at Birstall & Wanlip who are willing to receive requests for flower arrangements to be placed in Church to mark your special occasion. Donations for the cost of the flowers are always welcome, but not always necessary. If you would like the teams to arrange a flower display with your special occasion in mind, please contact Sylvia Simes on 2674206 or email: sylviasimes@talktalk.net (Birstall) and Marjorie Bonshor on 2207964 (Wanlip)

Items for Information Sheet

To ensure all events, meetings etc. are advertised in the Information Sheet, please send details to either the church office at stjames.birstall@btconnect.com, or telephone 2671797 (you can leave a message if no one is there), or email it direct to me at sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk, or you can leave a note next to the computer in the office. Please note that you have until **11am** on the **Friday** to get your items included in that week’s news sheet.

