

Extra Notices for Sunday 25th August

This Mornings Collect:

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

This Mornings Post Communion Prayer:

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Fundraising

We need to do some fundraising this year in order to sustain our Mission and Ministry. On the notice boards you will see a list of fundraising ideas. Have a look. If something captures your attention and you think you can just get on with organising and running something then please do. Let me or Nicki Wills know what you are planning and thank you for your help. Have fun with it. *Vince*

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.

Shoebox Appeal 2019

There are changes to the format this year – please see leaflets at back of church for details. After 19 years the donation on the box has increased to £3. One reason is the increased cost of running the appeal and the second is it enables project managers to meet emergency needs on the ground as the shoeboxes being given out. There were many instances last Christmas of shoeboxes being given into freezing houses where there was no wood, no fire or food. Link to Hope feel they have a duty to go a step further in certain cases and try to help with peoples basic needs. Please start saving items – there are links at the back of the church and leaflets will be available later. Pound shops are a very good source! We also need empty shoe boxes and we are very grateful for items if you are unable to do a whole box. *Sylvia Simes & Doreen Wilson*

Church Photo Album

The Photo Album is gradually being put together, but there are plenty of photos still needed. If you haven't already done so, can you please let me have a photo of you, as well as of family members who are part of our congregation? Perhaps via my email, or via the church pigeon hole system? That would be very much appreciated. Please indicate who is who on each photo! If you would prefer, Lesley Walton would be happy to take your photograph! Just ask her. Canon Anne, rahorton@outlook.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)

Down memory lane' afternoon teas

5th October

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

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 (please 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.

Church Website Notices

If you have any information which you would like put onto the church website, please send it to stjames.birstall@btconnect.com