

18th February – Extra Notices

Bring & Share Lunch – 31st March

Please sign up at the back of church if you are coming to the next bring and share lunch on 31st March

Dorcas Dress Project

In St James' church you will notice a display for the Dorcas Dress Project but why is it there? I was reading CMS news and discovered that it been doing some work in Leicester so was prompted to find out more. I talked to Janet Waters who is a leading light in Loughborough Soroptimists. It was decided that Loughborough Soroptimists would find out more, so we had a video presentation with Maria Skoyles the CEO and learnt about the dress which they make to suit all seasons of life, including pregnancy & nursing. As it supported women to become independent, a display was put together for a Soroptimist Regional Meeting and rather than dismantle it immediately permission was granted by the Rector for it to be in church as the project has been developed specifically for charity work, based around Christian ethical values. More information can be found on the web. <https://dorcasdressproject.org/> Josephine Burgess

Trench Candles

So far, over 180kg of candles have been delivered from St Mary's in Arnold, which is where they are taken from Birstall and Wanlip, on the way to the Ukrainian Centre in Nottingham – enough for well over 1500 candles. Josephine

Passover Supper - 27th March

St. Theresa's will be celebrating the 'Passover' supper' on Wednesday 27th March starting at 6.30 p.m. Tickets are £15 per person. It is Ticket only. Please contact Daphne Stephenson or Debbie Shephard for tickets

Knitters and crocheters – Help please

We have received this message from Karen Gutteridge who works at the 3 Birstall Primary schools as a family support with 4- to 11 year-olds. *'I was given some medium size blankets last year. They were made from knitted or crocheted squares. I passed them onto displaced families of mine for their children's beds, who were unfortunately put into temporary accommodation. These were amazing as often the bedrooms won't have heating. They were medium sized to use as a wraparound downstairs too. Anything small and cuddly toy wise. These are used for our counselled children or for well-being when needing extra support which could be for bereavement or separation etc... We would be very grateful for anything that could be provided, with no time frame. Any donations will be accepted with appreciation.'*

I have put a box in the old church to receive your donations which we will deliver to the schools. Thanks. Janet 07962949942