

25th 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.

WhatsApp Groups

It's great to see several new people in church! Welcome! If you are new, or not yet on our WhatsApp groups, please join if you can. The first one is for info only - I'll send the odd message out (+ something in Lent & Advent, when we prepare for Easter & Christmas). No-one can reply to that so your inbox doesn't get too full. The other is the chat group, where we discuss things, we ask each other for help, prayer, advice etc. We ask that we don't use that before 9am or after 9pm for rest reasons! (Unless you have an emergency!)

Either use the QR codes below with your smartphone camera, or email / text / WhatsApp Amanda for a link to click on.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Bs80tnPOL7x9fHnEWNcPle>

Church info group
WhatsApp group



Important Housekeeping Item: Cards

Following the recent burglary of monies from the Church, and the continuing importance of selling cards/postcards to the Public, we have devised the following system, to give people accessibility to the money for change, (given everyone running an event hasn't always got a Office Key). This notice is in the Sheets for 2 weeks only and then a copy of this will be posted on the Inner Door of the large cupboard in the kitchen. In this way, it is known to those who need to know and not on public view.

1. Card Money Tin will now be a small blue tin marked Cards.
2. The Box will go into a lockable wooden cabinet overnight underneath the pew nearest the Card Stand.
3. Black Box – Looks like a book: we have covered this box to enable a Key on a Fob to be left in there to open/close the box, rather than having a lock with a number.

The Money Tin will be emptied weekly on a Sunday and the takings put in a marked bag in the safe. Only enough money will be left for change.

Yellow Smiley Box:

This will be left out for cash donations and emptied into the collection each week by the children at the service. In this way, there is only a very limited amount of money that is available to take, should this happen again.

As there are a number of groups and sessions who use the Church, I will make every effort to let someone in that group know the new arrangements. Given we have an increased number of new people coming into the Church, with new opportunities to sell Christian /Church cards; we want to make sure the money is safe and accessible.- Your support for this is appreciated. Rose

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

A Book called 'Jesus'

Who lent Doreen a book called 'Jesus'? She wants to return it, having enjoyed it!

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.

Notices for the information sheets & when I'm in the Church Office

I will be in the office on Tuesdays & Thursdays between 9am and 1pm.

If you have a notice you would like putting in the Information sheet, can you please email it to either stjames.birstall@btconnect.com, or sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk, or contact Amanda or a Churchwarden. I will need to have received it **before 11am** on the Thursday to get your items included in that week's news sheet. Thanks. Sheryl