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SONGS OF PRAISE & HARVEST AT ST BARNABAS

Next Sunday is our time to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the St Barnabas



Centre with Songs of Praise. It will be a wonderful time of celebration, with Bishop Alastair and Archdeacon Christine both joining us, as well as many people who were involved in the planning and building of the Centre. Children from St Barnabas Nursery and Holmgate and Sharley Park schools will be singing, as well as the St Bartholomew's Singers group and the church worship band. We will also be celebrating the Harvest and gathering a large Foodbank collection. This will be a real community event, and everyone is welcome— please invite friends and family to come along.

A few volunteers are still needed to help with the BBQ— if you are free to help, please sign up on the volunteer rota. If you have volunteered and don't know what you're signed up for, please check out the rota at the back of church.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Ann Pinney will be hosting an event as part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. It will be this Friday 28th September from 11:00 until 3:00



at the Pinneys' house, 3 Dale Crescent, New Tupton (apologies for the incorrect date in last week's notice sheet!). Please come along and help raise money for this important cause (and enjoy a cuppa & a chat too!).

ST BART'S LADIES NIGHT

This Friday 28th September at 8pm is ladies night. We will be watching the film *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* and eating a selection of Indian foods.

Ladies nights are always a fun time, so come along and bring your friends. Tickets are just £5 and are available from **Jennie Strong** or in the church office.



ALPHA COURSE

The team Alpha Course continues this Thursday 27th September at 7:00pm at St John's, Tupton. It's not too late to join! If you or someone you know is interested in attending, please speak to **Jonathan**.



DAY OF PRAYER

Next Saturday 29th September there is a National Day of Prayer at Wembley. They are encouraging people to pray the Lord's Prayer together at noon that day. St Lawrence, North Wingfield will be holding a day of prayer that day from 12:00 until 6:00. All are welcome for some or all of the day.



This week...

TODAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER

10:00 All Age Worship at St Bart's
5:00 Sanctum at St Barnabas

TUESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER

9:15 Morning Prayer at St Bart's

WEDNESDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER

9:30– 11:30 Barney's Baby & Toddler Group at St Barnabas
10:30 Communion at St Bart's (with tea & coffee at 10)
1:00– 2:00 Prayer at St Bart's

THURSDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER

9:15 Morning Prayer at St Bart's
11:00– 1:00 St Barnabas Café
7:00 Alpha Course at Tupton

FRIDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER

9:30 The Living Room at St Bart's
11:00– 3:00 Macmillan Coffee Morning, the Pinneys' house, 3 Dale Crescent, New Tupton
8:00 Ladies Night at St Bart's

SATURDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER

12:00– 6:00 Prayer at N. Wingfield

SUNDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER

10:00 Prayer Meeting at St Bart's
2:30 Songs of Praise and Harvest Celebration at St Barnabas

If you have something you would like included in the next notice sheet, or would like to receive the notices by email, contact **Kat Allread** in the Church Office Tel. 01246 769374 or email: church.office.claycross.danesmoor@gmail.com.

AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The African Children's Choir will be appearing at Tupton Hall



School for a concert on Sunday 25th November at 7:30pm. Tickets are £10 (under 5s free) and are available from Kat in the church office. The choir is touring the UK from September to January and their only appearance in this area is at Tupton Hall School. Please pray for the children as they begin their tour in Scotland (they have 3 concerts most weeks) and for their leaders, who have the responsibility of chaperone, teacher and friend during their time away from home. The 17 children, from Uganda, range from 8-11 years old and most are orphans.

If you can help with any of the following, please speak to Margaret (01773 873532) or Melanie in the parish office (852281): Host family to sleep 3 children (1 double bed) and 1 adult; Host family to sleep 1 bus driver, from Sunday until Wednesday; Publicity and ticket sellers— posters and tickets are available for distribution. The choir children will be coming to St Bart's on Tuesday 27th November for a pizza party from 5:00pm until 7:00pm. Volunteers are needed to make this a fun evening for the children (volunteers' children are welcome to come too). Please see **Kat Alldread** or **Jonathan** if you can come along and help.

ST BART'S FILM NIGHT

The next Film Night will be Monday 1st October at 7:30pm at St Bart's. We will be watching **Walk the Line**, a film about the early life and music career of Johnny Cash. Film Night is a FREE event open to anyone 18 or over (or 14 & over with a parent). Join us as we watch the film and then have a brief discussion time about the issues raised by the film. Bring your own drinks & nibbles. All welcome.

BISHOP'S HARVEST APPEAL CALENDARS

The 2013 calendars to raise money for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal are now available for sale for just £5. If you would like one, please let **Kat** know. Funds from sales will go to Mother's Union projects in Uganda. The calendar holds local appeal, as a photo of St Bart's and Bert Hopkinson is featured.



FOODBANK

Foodbank would like to get as much food as possible for the Harvest Festival. Please encourage all to be generous - we'd like to display the food that has been donated at the Songs of Praise event at St Barnabas next Sunday if possible.



Right now the Foodbank is especially in need of: **tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned veg, UHT milk, tinned puddings, snacks & treats.**

Starting this Tuesday 25th September Foodbank will begin to run every Tuesday evening from 7:00pm until 9:00pm - this is in addition to the existing Friday opening. This is an ideal opportunity for people who work 9-5 to get involved in the Foodbank. It's also ideal for low income families to access the Foodbank as they may be working during the day. Feel free to give **Simon's** email address (seventhbibster@googlemail.com) and mobile number (07988 665433) out so that people can ask any questions / let him know they're coming to the training.

You can now give to Foodbank via online banking/ standing order. For details on how to give to Foodbank, please speak to **Kat** or **Simon** about it.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Do you have some time you could give? Information about two volunteer opportunities has come into the church office :

Community Transport are looking for volunteers for their Community Car Scheme. It's a door to door service to help people maintain their independence and improve their quality of life. Volunteers use their own cars to collect elderly and disabled people from their homes to take them to and from medical appointments. Volunteers are compensated for their mileage. If you would like further information, please ring 01773 746652 or go to www.derbyshirect.co.uk. There are leaflets about the scheme at St Bart's.

Community Health Service **Stroke Support and Co-ordination Service** are looking for Communication Partners. Volunteers help people with aphasia— a problem with speaking and understanding following a stroke. For more information ring 0800 8048009. A free short training course is provided.

EVENING OF PRAYER AND WORSHIP

On Tuesday 2nd October at 8:00 there will be an evening of prayer and worship at St Bart's. We'll be



exploring further the theme of repentance that we've been talking about over the past few Sundays. This is also an opportunity to engage in prayer and fasting together. If you would like more information about fasting or about the evening, please speak to **Yvonne Haywood**.

ILLUSION OF INCLUSION

As a result of a couple of enquiries from people in Lincoln Diocese a new initiative has emerged: **Lincolnshire Churches LGBT Alliance**.

This new organisation was formed from members of Changing Attitude and Inclusive Church, with members of a number of churches who are LGBT or LGBT-supporting, and professionals in the Equality and Diversity field in North-East Lincs. Their aim is to make space among Christians for conversation and action regarding faith and sexuality.

Their launch event is a workshop at Grimsby Institute called: **The Illusion of Inclusion – where faith and sexuality meet**. It will be 3rd November, from 10am-1pm, followed by lunch.

The aim of the workshop is to make a real opportunity for members of churches and LGBT people (from churches and others) to come together to do the mutual listening that is commended by the Anglican Lambeth Conference of 1998.

The workshops will have short keynote addresses on some of the most pressing issues of the day:

What does the Bible say about same-sex relationships?

What about "gay marriage"?

What does it mean to be a transgendered Christian?

Is it all right for your minister or priest to be gay?

Workshop groups will consider their own experience, questions and understanding to try and build mutual comprehension, explore the points where they differ, and decide on ways forward together.

For further information, contact Canon Jeremy Pemberton, 07894 906230,

canonjpemberton@gmail.com.

If you are interested in attending the workshop and would like to share lifts, please speak to **Kat Alldread**.