

**October 2020**

**St Andrew's Church Bulletin ....**

### **Church Bulletin**

How are you at having fun? I seriously believe it is important to remember to have fun in life, especially when you are in the middle of a pandemic and all the news seems doom and gloom. If we're not careful, many of us can get bogged down by this and become overly-serious. Having a 2-year-old certainly helps with this, as you cannot be overly serious around a 2-year-old! They need entertainment, creativity, sometimes just a bit of running around the house, just for fun.

We're taught to 'grow up' as adults, but I think it is really important to make sure we fit things into our lives that cause us to laugh and smile. Even if it's just doing a crossword, going for a walk or watching a film. We have a God who created things for our enjoyment, so let's allow to enjoy things once in a while.

Phil Richardson

### **Corona Issues**

The message from the Public Health Director in Coventry is that the infection rate is much higher than a couple of weeks ago, but that Coventry is still doing much better than Birmingham and Solihull. Local lockdown will best be avoided by people observing the rules and by continuing to take proper precautions. Woodlands Ward was a hotspot last week for no obvious reason, so we need to be vigilant.



## **Book Club**

The next St Andrew's Book Club meeting is on Monday 19th October 2020 at 7.30pm on Zoom. The book we will be discussing is Dinner with a Perfect Stranger – an invitation worth considering, by David Gregory.

The book centres on a man who is invited to dinner with a man calling himself Jesus of Nazareth. Stressed, overworked he accepts the invitation and as the meal progresses, this modern-day Doubting Thomas confronts his own unfulfilled longings, spiritual uncertainties and anger with God...and he begins to wonder if it's possible that the man across from him has the answers to his deepest questions.

We will meet on 19th to share our views on the book and to discuss some of the questions it raises for us. The group is open to all; if you have never been part of a book club this might be the time to give it a try. If you are interested in being part of the group, please contact Sue Masters (07958322026) or Greg Smith.

## **Foodbank Donations**

To donate to Central foodbank, Sue Barnes is coordinating this so please contact her to drop off food at her house. Contact Sue at [susanbarnes1960@outlook.com](mailto:susanbarnes1960@outlook.com). If you are unable to give food you can also donate online here: <https://www.trusselltrust.org/rddonate-checkout/>

## **Coventry Foodbank**

Coventry Foodbank are looking for volunteers. If you or you know someone who could spare a few hours a week helping us to continue packing the food parcels as demand grows as the COVID virus continues. The foodbank adheres to all government guidelines with Track and Trace, temperature checks, masks need to be worn in the warehouse and gloves are provided. 2m Social distancing is respected at all times. There are 4/5 places per session.

Session 1 starts 9.30am to 12 noon and Session 2 Starts 1pm to 3.30pm. You are welcome to stay all day if you want to. If you are interested please contact Dee (Project Co-Ordinator) at Coventry Foodbank 024 76993770

### **Cinderella**

Pantomime season is on the horizon (Oh no it isn't!) We are hoping to produce Cinderella in one of four ways: with a full audience; a reduced audience; a pre-recorded broadcast; or live via zoom. Whichever way we pursue this, we need more performers, large and small parts still available. If interested, please contact Greg or Kate Howarth, our wonderful stage manager [katehowarth@btinternet.com](mailto:katehowarth@btinternet.com)

### **Building our Faith**

Eleven people attended the first Building our Faith meeting on Wednesday at 7.30pm. You are still very welcome to join even if you missed week 1.

Any questions, please contact Sue Masters 07958 322026 [susanmasters@sky.com](mailto:susanmasters@sky.com)

### **October Prayer Guide**

Please pray for Marilyn Starr who is expecting to start cancer treatment very soon, Ted Drayton continuing to undergo treatment, Lesley Lee who has been diagnosed with pneumonia and Beryl Lee who has been taken into hospital.

### **From the Parish Registers**

#### **Wedding**

Adam Pearman and Robyn Kennedy

#### **Baptism**

Athan Smith

#### **Funeral**

Denise Biggs