



Newsletter

(15) Sunday 14 to Saturday 27 Oct 2018

Our aim is to *KNOW* God through Jesus,
GROW in faith, and *SHOW* God's love in our community



THE BOAZ TRUST

The Old Testament story of Ruth, tells the beautiful story of a Moabite woman and her mother-in-law Naomi who return to Bethlehem from Moab fleeing a famine, following the deaths of their husbands. Being widowed was tragic enough without added economic difficulties. Fortunately Boaz, a distant relative of Naomi's late husband, came to their rescue. Boaz allowed Ruth to collect grain (it was harvest time) as his men worked his fields and gave her his protection – as a solitary woman Ruth was at risk of molestation. In our society today this sad truth remains, as homeless women attest to being sexually attacked on the streets. Eventually the couple marry and Ruth becomes the mother of Obed, the grandfather of King David, the ancestor of Jesus himself, who came from the house of David (Luke 2:4).

This is the background to the Boaz Trust, whose mission is 'serving destitute asylum seekers', set up in 2004 by Dave Smith who saw at first hand the suffering of such people while working at The Mustard Tree. The Trust, amongst other projects, runs Night Shelters for male clients during the winter months (October to April) – the female clients are accommodated in ten houses that the Trust now own or have access to, thanks to the generosity of supporters who have donated properties to the Trust.

Please pray for the work of the Boaz Trust and the people they serve. May we be like Boaz, and give shelter to refugees in whatever way we can.

Revd. Mike and Jean Dyson

REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays: St Paul's 10am (HC 14 Oct) St Andrew's 11am (HC 21 Oct)
Christian Meditation: 7.30-8.30pm (details 792-1098)
Morning Prayers: Mon; Tues (9am); Weds (9.15am)
Night Prayers Tues: 8.45pm (details from 798 6917)
Wednesdays: St Paul's 10am Holy Communion St Andrew's 2pm Prayers

Bible Readings

14 Oct Job 23:1-9, 16 to end & Mark 10:17-31.
(Psalm 22:1-15)
17 Oct Galatians 5:18 to end & Luke 11:42-46.
21 Oct Job 38:1-7 & Mark 10: 35-45.
(Psalm 104:1-10)
24 Oct Psalm 98 & Luke 12:39-48.

DIARY DATES

Tue 23 Oct 1.30 to 3.30pm TIME OUT at 5 Moorside Road. TIME Out on **6 November** will probably be filling the completed shoe boxes. To be confirmed on next Newsletter.

FUTURE DATES AND NOTICES

3 Nov from 1pm Messy Church at St. Andrew's the topic will be Daniel in the lion's den.

Sun 11 Nov 10.30am Joint Remembrance Service and Parade at St. Paul's.

Sun 11 Nov 4pm Act of Remembrance at St. Andrew's.

Thur 15 Nov at 7.30pm at St. Paul's **THE BIG QUIZ NIGHT** – is in aid of the TEARFUND.

Hundreds of churches, thousands of people are taking part up and down the country so come along and join in.

Tickets are £3 each, under 16's free. Light refreshments served. Donations for the Tearfund gladly accepted. Please support this event as every pound raised will help transform the lives of people living in poverty.

Thank you everyone. Maureen Roberts.

SPECIAL MESSAGES

SHOE BOX APPEAL

Please could you help in any way with the shoe box appeal again this year?

You can help in many ways -

- Fill an individual shoe box.
 - Bring items to go in the shoe boxes eg. soap, toothpaste, shower gel etc.
 - Donate money for items or postage
 - Come along and help fill the boxes - date and time to be announced but probably November 6th in St Paul's at 1.30pm
 - pray for those who receive the boxes
- Have a look at the photos and information on the notice board. Thank you Eileen.

Please pray for Open Doors workers, and the Church in India, where churches have been vandalised, bombed and set on fire, and church leaders beaten and threatened, to pressurise Christians to renounce their faith. Pray that church

leaders will have courage and perseverance to lead their members not to give up meeting together despite persecution. Thank You and God Bless You.
Maureen Roberts.

The **Parish Christmas Fair** this year will be on **24 November 2018** 11-1 pm. We welcome donations for stalls and offers of help for setting out (Fri 23 Nov pm) and clearing away afterwards. Donations for tombola and raffle prizes, toys, children's clothes, fancy goods, jewellery, handbags, games etc. welcome at any time. Please - no books this year. keep the date free and tell your friends!

Hear our humble prayer, O God,
For our friends the animals,
Especially for animals who are suffering;
For animals that are overworked,
Underfed and cruelly treated;
For all wistful creatures in captivity
That beat their wings against bars;
For any that are hunted or lost or deserted
or Frightened or hungry;
For all that must be put to death.
We entreat for them all Thy mercy
And pity, and for those who deal with
them We ask a heart of compassion and
gentle Hands and kindly words.
Make us, ourselves, to be true friends
To animals and so to share the blessings
Of the merciful. Albert Schweitzer

Please note that the next Newsletter (16) will be the last until the New Year. Except look out for a possible special edition just before the New Year. If you wish any notices of events etc. to be included in (16) please let me have them as soon as possible. Norma

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