

26 Jun 15

Whist:

This takes place tonight at 7.30pm in the village hall with cash prizes and a raffle. Refreshments are included.

Coffee Morning:

The next St John's Church coffee morning will be held on Tuesday, July 1, at 10am in the church.

100+ Club Draw:

The mid-year summer draw took place at the Friends of St John's Church last Saturday. The winner was Mrs Carole Mercer. The July draw will take place at 11am during the St John's Church coffee morning.

Coffee Break:

Don't forget this weekly event for Mums and Dads every Wednesday during term-time from 9am to 10am and longer if wanted (the shop is open until noon). Tea or coffee and biscuits cost just 50p.

Parish Council:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 15, at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Safari Supper:

The Friends of St John's Church Safari Supper took place last Saturday, June 20. After a very uncertain weather forecast, our drinks hosts (Tim and Carolyn) decided to go for it and Safari Supper welcome drinks were served in their garden from 6.30pm onwards. Thank goodness for the gazebos which kept everyone dry because it was actually raining as people arrived! By 7 pm however, the sun had come out and diners set off in many different directions in search of their starter. After they had eaten, everyone was anxious to know where they would find their main course and the hosts gave out envelopes which saw another exodus and people walking and driving from one end of the village to the other. Appetites satisfied, it was time to go back to St John's Church where a delicious selection of puddings awaited served by Brenda, Karen and Elizabeth. Coffee and tea were then on offer and Tim and Carolyn invited everyone to partake of home-made limoncello, sloe gin or coffee liqueurs.

The raffle was well supported and a vote of thanks was given by William Hollington who thanked everyone who took part in whatever way, hosting, cooking, providing raffle prizes, serving and clearing. The atmosphere in church was buzzing with lots of talking and laughter.

Altogether, we sold 60 tickets and the total raised was a magnificent £875 all of which goes to the upkeep of the church buildings and grounds. Thank you to all our supporters.

St John's Church:

"Open Church Sunday" was observed on Sunday afternoon when visitors were welcomed to meet for tea. Many stayed on for Songs of Praise and the Rev Fiona

Gibson welcomed everyone and led the opening prayers. A special welcome was given to The Rev Canon Tim Bull, Director of Ministry, St Albans Diocese.

In between hymns the Rev Bull gave three talks:- 1. Reasons to worship God, 2. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus and 3. The role of the Rev Bull in the Diocese and the part each person can play in the life of the Church.

A reading from Isaiah was given by Mrs P Whitworth and from the Gospel of John 3 by Rev G Orpin. Intercessions were led by Mrs A Cross.

After the closing prayers and blessing given by Rev Fiona Gibson, all were invited to stay on for refreshments.

The next Songs of Praise will be held on Sunday, July 19 at 6.00pm.

Church Services:

St John the Evangelist, 9am all age communion.