

# Notices for the week beginning:

**Sunday 28th September 2014**

Please ask if you would like to know any more about the events listed on this page.

Ruth's licensing at St Michael and All Angels Bartley Green, Birmingham is being held this Thursday 2nd October at 7.30pm. Please take a look at the list at the back of church with regard to car sharing arrangements. We have tried to match those people wanting lifts with those people who have offered spare seats.

2015 diaries are now available at the back of church. These are supplied to us at no cost. Please help yourself.

There is a list in the narthex for you to sign up to if you would like to help with the decoration of the church for harvest on Saturday 11th October.



As you may be aware we have recently had to have our loop system amplifier repaired at some cost. We also hope to make further small improvements to our sound system in the near future. If you are able and wish to contribute to the cost of the repairs and upgrade Harold White has organised a contribution procedure. Please place any donation in a yellow Gift Aid envelope and mark it clearly 'For the loop system.' Thank you.



Our harvest Supper this year is being held next Saturday 4th October at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

The menu is Eastern Lamb with Salad, lemon cheesecake followed by tea and coffee with mints. Bring your own drinks. The cost is £6.50. There is a list at the back of church to sign if you would like to attend.

**Coming up.....**

**Sunday 5**

Stewardship presentation and exhibition in church relating to the time, gifts and talents that are offered to St Mary's.

**Monday 6**

Open The Book team visiting school.

**Friday 10**

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**Sunday 12**

Harvest Festival Sunday- donations of all types of dried foods gratefully received. These will be distributed to the Stourbridge Foodbank and St Basil's Hostel for the homeless.

**Friday 24**

2.30pm OSH Founders day service

**Monday 27**

Half Term week

**Tuesday 28**

2.30pm Tuesday Tea.

**Friday 31**

12.30pm Wedding

**Sunday November 2**

6.30pm All Souls Evensong

**Saturday December 6**

Christmas Market

Will Aid takes place in November, and we are one of 19 dioceses signed up to this initiative encouraging people to make their will, and benefit charities (including Christian Aid among 9 major charities) at the same time. More information is available on the Will Aid website. There is a tie-in here with encouraging legacy giving which may also benefit the church. If you haven't made a will yet, or know someone else who hasn't, this promotional campaign offers an encouragement to do so, and give to charity at the same time.



Don't forget that there will be showing of the film **"The UK Gold" in Stourbridge on 7th October in St Thomas's church hall at 7.30.**

This is a very hard hitting film about the close UK involvement with tax avoidance and tax havens. It explores tax dodging through the eyes of an east-end vicar standing for election to the Corporation of the City of London. As one notice says "A story seismic enough to shift perceptions of finance and flag forever" It was partly sponsored by Christian Aid and Oxfam.

The film is being shown as a part of "Economic and Tax Justice: economy for the common good" - a year long partnership between the Diocese of Worcester, Christian Aid and Church Action on Poverty

*Message from the Foodbank.....*

Hi Everyone,

It's Harvest Time for Black Country Foodbank and we are encouraging as many donations as possible to help put some stock on our shelves and in turn help the local people in our community. We are keen to help any one who would like posters, leaflets or any information on what we do and how you can help. Thank you for the support so far!

Shortages  
Soup Tins and Packets  
Tinned Fruit  
Tinned Meat  
Coffee  
Jars of cooking/pasta sauce  
Fruit Juice  
Tinned Tomatoes  
Deodorant  
Shower Gel  
Shampoo

Don't forget the volunteers in Lydia's House are available on Thursdays to provide clothing/bedding parcels for anyone you know who is in need. Please email [admin@blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:admin@blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk) with any requests.

*Thanks so much!*

