

Baby Clinic

1.30pm Alternate Thursdays at
Wheaton Aston Surgery
New Parent Group Mondays 1.30pm to
3pm at Coven Memorial Hall
Call Health Visitor on 01902 850682

Inter-Parish Games

A new Coordinator is required for our parish. If you don't feel that you can offer to coordinate the whole parish, could you organise just one team in the games? Contact the Clerk for details.

Parish Council Grants

The Parish Council is trying to forecast it's expenditure more accurately and ensure that any grants to local groups are distributed fairly and offer added value to the community. In order to achieve this grants have been capped at £300 per year per organisation and a grant application form (available from the Parish Council Clerk) must be completed. The deadline for applications for the 2010-2011 financial year is 31st December 2009. Please contact the Clerk for more information and/or an application form.

Old People's Welfare Committee Christmas Drop-in

The Christmas Drop-In held by the Lapley and Wheaton Aston Old People's Welfare Committee will be on Thursday 10th December from 1.00pm – 3.30pm in the village hall. All pensioners are welcome to come. Refreshments will be served and there will also be a raffle.

Responders Needed

Wheaton Aston Community First Responders (CFRs) are looking for new members. CFRs are volunteers trained by the Ambulance Service to respond to 999 requests for medical assistance in their locality.

New recruits should be reasonably fit and well and aged between 18 and 70. They will complete 64 hours of training with West Midlands Ambulance Service and receive the First Person on Scene intermediate level qualification. After gaining experience they may then undertake a further 64 hours of training to bring them up to advanced level.

David Leaper, scheme coordinator, is hoping to hear from people who live or work in the area and agree to book on call for a minimum of six hours per week.

Anyone interested is invited to contact David on 840967 for more information.

Church Events

The re-ordering of St. Mary's Church—Update

St. Mary's Church are delighted to announce that they have received two grants, one of £30,500 and another of £36,500 from two environmental trusts. This means that less than ten thousand pounds is needed in order to begin work on phase one of the redevelopment, which includes new floor, flexible seating, new kitchen and toilet and disabled access. It is hoped that the work will start work in Spring 2010 and phase one will be complete by Autumn 2010. It is important to record that funding bodies will usually only consider requests after a considerable amount has been raised by the community. Rev Garry Thompson said "We have to thank so many people in the community, who have staged numerous and varied events, and all those who have supported these events so generously. The considerable amount of money raised has caused the trusts to look favourably on our applications, and we hope to have an improved centre for worship and a resource centre for the whole village within twelve months"

If you would like to know more about the project or make a donation, why not go along to the church on Wednesday mornings to the Drop In between 10am and 12 noon and chat to Garry, Kath and Joyce, our churchwardens, or call them on 840525 (Kath) or 840554 (Joyce).

Church Services

Toy Service

December 6th 10.30am at St. Mary's
at this All Age Worship service, you are invited to bring a toy to add to the collection that will be taken to the Salvation Army at Cannock for distribution to disadvantaged local children at Christmas. Toys can be new or second-hand, but please ensure that they are complete and in good condition. After all, no-one wants to unwrap a battered toy or incomplete jigsaw on Christmas Day

Service of Healing & Wholeness

December 16th at St. Mary's

We all get battered by the trials and tribulations of daily life. St. Mary's offers an informal service of prayer and praise, to anyone who wants to allow God to restore their peace of mind, body and spirit.

Carols by Candlelight

December 20th, 6.30pm at All Saints

A chance to sing your favourite Christmas carols by candlelight in this beautiful ancient church

Christingle Service

December 24th, 3.30pm at St. Mary's

A special children's service on Christmas Eve, the money collected at this service will be given to The Children's Society

Carols on the Green

December 24th, 6.30pm at St. Mary's

A chance to sing all your favourite carols around the Christmas Tree on the Green, and then go into church for mince pies and mulled wine. And if the weather should be really bad, there is a tree in church to sing around!

Midnight Communion

December 24th, 11.30pm at All Saints

The wonderful first service of Christmas

Christmas Day

Family Communion

10.00am at St. Mary's Church

Events

Please keep an eye the Church Notice Boards, Pews News and the Grapevine for more details of the following events

Christmas Coffee Morning

December 1st 10.00am - 12.00pm

12 Long Street with raffle and Christmas Crafts for sale. Admission £2

Advent Workshop

December 5th 10.00am - 12.00pm

In the Village Hall, for 5-11 year olds, lots of fun and things to do as children learn about the true story of Christmas. Please let Margaret (840035) know if you are coming so that they know how many biscuits to buy!

Wolverhampton Orpheus Male Voice Choir

December 12th, 7.30pm at St. Mary's

Annual concert by this popular choir with light refreshments at the interval.

Christmas Through the Ages

December 12th, 7.00pm at All Saints

FOLCH Christmas concert. Tickets £5 include hot savoury refreshments & mulled wine.

Free to all households in Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston

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