



NOTICES

Brother, let me scan You!



In the news this week was a story about a trial in Oxford involving homeless people. The idea is that if you are homeless you can sign up to a scheme whereby you explain to a case worker your circumstances, how you got to be homeless and what your ambitions are to get yourself off the street. In return you receive a tag with a QR code (like a Bar-Code) which anyone with a smartphone wanting to give can scan. This will inform the (potential) giver about you with the option to electronically transfer money to your account. A case worker for the homeless will ensure that the money donated is spent on the agreed targets. In an increasingly cashless society this looks like a win-win for all. Information and reassurance for the giver, that the person really is homeless and trying to better his/her situation and monetary aid for the homeless without temptation to fritter it away!

After all, why give money to a homeless person who has no ambition to get out of that situation?? So, what does the Bible say about giving and not giving:

'Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you.' (Deuteronomy 16:17).

'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink. . . . Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' (Matthew 25: 41-42, 45).

This Week

Sunday August 12th:

Morning Service: Jamie Muir will be speaking on the theme of: 'Miracles from the Bible' and his talk will be on 'The thankful Leper'.

Saturday August 18th:

Morning Prayer Meeting at the Church Office starting at 8am.

Saturday August 18th:

Wedding of Jessica Faith Muir to Benjamin Armon

Service followed by tea & cake at 12:30pm at St. Alkmunds Church, Whitchurch.

Sunday August 19th:

Morning Service: Dave Williams will be speaking on the theme of: 'Miracles from the Bible' and his talk will be on 'Bartimaeus receiving Sight'.

For your Diary**Sunday September 2nd:**

There will be a church PA and IT training session at the Civic starting at 9.00am (sharp!) on Sunday 2nd September. If you're interested in learning how to use the equipment, please do come along.

Tuesday September 25th - Tuesday December 11th: ALPHA COURSE

All are welcome to join us on this free ALPHA course as we eat, watch, pray and explore the Christian Faith!



Running in over 100 countries and over 100 languages, over 24 million people have taken the course.

Watch for more details in next months **GOSSIP** magazine or visit www.tbcw.org

"Alpha is a place where you can be yourself. You can say what you think and challenge everything. No question is too complex or too simple and your point of view is as important as anyone else's."

Other Items**Invitation**

Beacon members have been invited to the Mayor's Autumn Ball on Saturday 22nd September at the Civic Centre 7pm for 7:30pm start.

Three course dinner, prize draw, auction and entertainment. Dress code: Black tie/ evening dress. Tickets £35 per person or £300 for a table for 10 people.

This fundraising event is to benefit Midlands Air Ambulance, Air Cadets & Whitchurch Men in Sheds charities.

If you are interested, please phone 01948 665761 or email clerk@whitchurchcouncil.uk by latest 3rd September. Cheques payable to Whitchurch Town Council.

Food menu available on request from Erik.

Provision of food during the School Summer Holidays

Help Foodbank to provide some of the following items for the summer holidays:

Long life milk or powdered milk, Pasta sauces, Tinned meat products (ham, meatballs, chicken, Bolognese, chilli etc), Tuna fish, Tinned spaghetti, Squash / fruit juice, Individual fruit juices for packed lunch, Sandwich fillers (meat/fish pastes, peanut butter, jam, spreads), Cake (long life and seal wrapped), Snack bars and chocolate biscuits, Individual packs of crisps.