

## News from St Nic's 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

Good afternoon everybody

After a wintry weekend it feels like spring again today! The Rectory roses have burst into flower, and the forecast is for warmer weather coming soon. I hope you can get out and enjoy it.

Here are some photos from Youth Group blanket-making last Friday evening: we had fun! I will be delivering the blankets to the St Bart's Chaplain, Revd. Ross Jones, in the next couple of weeks.



- ✚ Don't forget to bring in your raffle ticket stubs & payment before 30<sup>th</sup> September please. Arrangements for the **Fashion Show and Jewellery Stall** are going really well and just about all the tickets for the Show have been sold. If you would like to come but haven't got your ticket yet, please contact Karen Severin on 0417 177 258 ASAP and we will squeeze you in.
- ✚ The attached flyer for the **Jewellery Stall and Coffee morning** is for you to print and stick on a notice board if you can! This is open to everyone and we'd like to advertise it around the area. If you would like a printed copy just ask me.
- ✚ I have attached a flyer for an **'Assembly Day' for birthing kits** to help women all over the world; you may be interested in volunteering, as has Ruth Oxley in the past. No need to bring anything. The process is like being on an assembly line putting together the objects into bags in a strict order. These become the birthing kits. On the day instructors teach you how the packs are to be made up and it's all done under strict hygiene conditions. There are a number of different jobs in the process, like folding the sheet in a certain way to take up the least amount of space and you do each task in groups, so it becomes quite a social event. Then there's always a good morning tea...! Please note you do not have to commit for the entire time, but you need to RSVP before Friday 16 October for catering and other purposes.
- ✚ Also attached is a flyer for a unit called **'Introduction to Church History'** that may be of interest.
- ✚ The latest meditation from **Richard Rohr** is attached; although this is directed at Americans it has value for all of us living in a pandemic world.

- ✚ I will forward to you the latest Newsletter from St Bart's; please note their Christmas Hamper Appeal, which the Youth Group intend to get behind.
- ✚ The Funeral for **Ken Carruthers** is to be held at **St Anselm's** on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September** at **1.30pm**. Because of COVID restrictions on numbers parishioners from St Nic's will not be able to attend, but the service will be livestreamed: Please click this link and request to join the group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3849971055016519> . If you would like to see the service and would be unable to watch from home, we can gather at St Nic's and I can show it on my laptop- please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to do this.

That's a lot of news for this week!

Here is the Collect Prayer for the week:

*Loving God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ has taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for him:  
give us the will to be the servant of others as he was the servant of all,  
who gave up his life and died for us,  
and yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Looking forward to seeing folks at tomorrow's 9:15am service and others on Sunday at 7:30 or 9:30.  
God bless,

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