

NUTCRACKER

Birmingham Royal Ballet are performing The Nutcracker ballet at The Hippodrome Theatre and we have been able to secure some Matinee seats for Wednesday 12th December 2007. We will be departing Saint Luke's at 1.00pm and the cost of the seats, which are in the circle, inclusive of transport is £25, but there are only 15 places available. This is an absolutely enchanting ballet, which is particularly good even for people who have never been to a ballet before or wouldn't regard themselves as being particularly ballet fans. It is a story of a magical Christmas scene set on Christmas Eve where we are transported to the land of sweets, with beautiful music from Tchaikovsky. The whole performance lasts just 2 hours and 5 minutes, so we are able to return back to Kingstanding before it gets dark.

These seats are greatly in demand and we only have a very limited time. If you would like to join us for the Nutcracker then please see Ann Babington today in the Parish Centre.

Birmingham Hippodrome Pantomime – in order to secure more places we do need definite commitments from people today if they wish to join us for the evening performance on Tuesday 8th January. Deposits must be received – please see Ann Babington.

Weekly Requiems – this week on Friday 16th November there will be another Requiem Mass for all our loved ones. If you would like somebody's name included in the prayers please write this on a piece of paper and place it inside one of the brown envelopes found on the contact table and hand it to the clergy with any donation that you wish to make towards our church funds.

Saint Luke's Mugs – there are quite literally 18 mugs available and when they are gone, they really are gone. If you would like a mug either for yourself or a gift please go into the hall today. Don't worry if you haven't got the money we will allow you to take it away with you. Each mug comes with a free Saint Luke's pen, at £5.99 or two for £11.00, or a gift box of 6 for £30! Such good value!

Saint Luke's Bible Study – is on Wednesday immediately following our Mass. Please see Father Paul for further details.

Aloe Vera Plants for sale – put one on your window sill as an actual first aid remedy for burns. Please do come into the hall and collect yours. All profits to our Building Fund. Available next Sunday 18th November together with our craft sale.

Memorial Services – take place this afternoon at 3pm, 5pm and 7pm. We are grateful to those who have signed to signify they are prepared to come and assist, primarily through their participation, but also in one of the many important tasks. Lunch is available today for those who are assisting with a suggested donation of £2.

Act of Remembrance - there will be a suitable remembrance this morning at both of our Masses. During the 9.30 Mass and at the beginning of our 11.00am Mass. We will Remember Them.

Parish Christmas Meal – we really do need to draw a line under the bookings for the meal. If you would like to join us then please see Ann today and would all outstanding balances be paid as soon as possible.

Forward in Faith Executive – meets on Saturday 24th November. Further details from Mary Bashford.

Jean Martyn Concert – well done everyone for the tremendous work that was put into last weekend's concert. We are pleased to announce we raised the magnificent sum of £611 towards our building appeal. Amazingly with all the other monies that we have received we are now just short of £200,000, that is 2/3rds of what we require. Only another £100,000 to go. Keep up the good work.

Hip Knee Hurray – The Hospital recognised support group for people who have had or are due to have replacement joint surgery and wish to share information and experiences. The next meeting is Thursday 20th November. Details from Alison on 357 8293.

Free to take away – there are still some copies of the Forward newspaper and also Bible Alive, the daily bible reading notes. Please do take one from the contact table.

CRB Checks – a reminder that in order to comply with Diocesan requirements we are proceeding with the CRB Checks today. Would all those who have been contacted by letter bring into the Walsingham Chapel their evidence immediately following Mass.