

Nork with Burgh Heath Parish News and Updates - Thursday 9 July 2020

Dear Church Family Members and Parish Friends,

Hoping, very much, that this email finds you well.

This week's news updates include the following:

- 1) Some very sad news for the church family
- 2) An opportunity to sign up for two different Zoom coffee events
- 3) The events happening in the parish in the coming week
- 4) The latest news from John Baxter and the School in The Gambia

As always, do be in touch if you would like to - by phone or by email.

Love and prayers,

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1) Some very sad news for the church family

Very sadly, Violet Packham, member of St. Paul's - and close friend to many - died suddenly on Monday of this week. She was 87 and was admitted to hospital in the morning with sepsis, dying by the evening. Violet will be greatly missed. Her daughters and the family are grateful for our prayers at this time - and more information will follow, in due course, about the funeral arrangements.

2) An opportunity to sign up for two different Zoom Coffee events in July:

Our next two Parish Coffee/ Tea & chat opportunities via Zoom will be on Monday 13th July at 2 pm and on Saturday 25th July at 10 am. We are choosing different times in the hope that it will be possible for as many as possible to access one should we wish to during these strange times. More Zoom coffee events will follow in August too.

To sign up for one or both of these please follow the link: <https://forms.gle/Q1FF9a18UovuPgSY9>

3) The events happening in the parish this coming week:

Sunday 12th July 9 am: Said service via Zoom

Sunday 12th July 10 am: Catch up for children with their parents/ carers via Zoom

Monday 13th July 2 pm: Parish Coffee hour via Zoom

Tuesday 14th July 10 am - 12 pm: St Paul's open for private prayer

Tuesday 14th July 8 pm: Alpha via Zoom: Who is the Holy Spirit? What does the Holy Spirit do?

Wednesday 15th July 3.30 pm: Parish Prayer via Zoom

Thursday 16th July 10 am - 12 pm: St Mary's open for private prayer

Please do contact Alex if you would like to join in with any of the above (If you have already been attending e.g. parish prayers, Said service at 9 am, Alpha etc you will automatically receive the links)

4) The latest news from John Baxter and the School in the Gambia

Attached are three photographs, showing the teachers from the school collecting their salary for the end of June and helping with distributions of food for local people in need. John writes that the bags contain basic foods of rice, sugar, onions and tomato puree. There are also some boxes of the clothes which have been sent out being shared with the people who are coming for food. Everyone is temperature checked before entering the school and have to sit on the chairs - not social distancing, but the best that can be managed in the circumstances.

It is hoped that the school may be able to reopen later this month and it is hoped that it will be possible to run summer school over August to help the children to catch up with the lessons they have missed.

Rev Alex Williams

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