

Nork with Burgh Heath Parish News and Updates - Thursday 20 August 2020

Dear Church Family Members and Parish Friends,

Hoping you're all well and enjoying a good week.

This email contains news & information on the following items.

1. Worship in the churches on Sunday 23rd (this week)
2. Our parish talent show on Saturday evening (22nd August)
3. The food bank collection next week
4. Collecting shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child
5. Help needed for sorting out the St. Mary's Cellar
6. Dates coming up in the diary

As always, please do be in touch about any questions or simply to say hello.

Love and prayers,

Alex

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1) Worship in the churches on Sunday 23rd August (this week)

Following the joy of services starting again in both our churches last Sunday, I am pleased to write with the sign-up links for church this Sunday.

To make this manageable, I need your responses to say you would like to attend by 4pm on Friday 21st August please. (This is because of the setting up required on Saturday).

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

To sign up to attend St. Paul's at 9 am on Sunday 23rd August, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/dsjXoCsh1g8zqDueA>

To sign up to attend St. Mary's at 11 am on Sunday 23rd August, please use this link: (If you have signed up for the 23rd already you don't need to sign up again... and you CAN sign up if you attended last week): <https://forms.gle/uBY5oMKDJQmmKWNGA>

NB: The car park at St. Mary's is still out of action due to the sink hole on the A217. Surrey County Council continue to ask us not to use the road for accessing the church as they feel it is too dangerous.

Access to the church is through Gardenfields gate and parking is in Duncan Road behind the church. Please generously save the spaces nearest the entrance for those who will find it harder to walk into the church.

2) Our Parish Talent Show- Saturday 22nd August, 7pm (this week)

Really huge thanks to Fiona and Robin Ellingham for putting together this fun & relaxing event for us.

Fiona writes

*The finishing touches are being put on the **Nork with Burgh Heath Talent Showcase** which will be premiering on YouTube this Saturday at 7pm.*

Why not invite members from your social bubble or socially distance with others without access to YouTube to enjoy the range of acts taking part.

To access the showcase either click on the link, just before

7pm: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwTBZE3MaA8FeYKmZN8Vojw/>

Or

if viewing on a SMART TV then go to YouTube and simply enter

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in the search bar.

If you would like to share encouraging and positive comments about how much you enjoyed certain acts, sign in to YouTube and you'll be able to add your comments throughout the evening.

Should you experience any problems then please contact Fiona at Home 01737 212920.

With a HUGE thank you to Tim Vine for being our compere for the evening and hope you enjoy the show!

This should be a great evening, please do support it if you can!

3) Food bank collection (Tuesday 25th August, 2-4 pm, outside St. Paul's):

We are collecting for the Epsom & Ewell Food bank again on Tuesday (25th August), between 2 and 4pm outside St. Paul's.

Please do support this worthy cause - the food bank have been very grateful for our contributions so far, which have made a significant difference to poorer families in the area.

Items which are currently most needed are: long life fruit juice, long life sponge puddings, treats / chocolate for children, savoury snacks & crisps, peanut butter, nappies (size 5+ and 6+ only), toilet rolls, savoury biscuits, instant mash, dog food, custard, sugar - small 500g bags please, gluten free biscuits, gluten free long life items

4) Collecting Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child

Each year, Tricia Peacock (from St. Mary's) and Deirdre Jackson (from St. Paul's) lead us in collecting shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child - and we are delighted to announce that, despite the pandemic and some of the challenges around this, we are able to collect again at both churches.

Tricia writes:

With doubts, over previous months, as to whether it would be possible to safely collect, process and deliver our shoeboxes worldwide amidst a pandemic, the news is it will be happening. Yay!!

I've now bought the familiar Samaritan's Purse flat-pack shoeboxes, so please think about supporting this worthwhile appeal. If you haven't already squirrelled a few items, start picking up a few bits each week to spread the cost. Great to do as a family, the children love it too.

Collection week will be 9th – 16th November

For those not familiar with our annual appeal, here is an overview:

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, a Christian international relief organisation.

It reaches out to children in their communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. The shoeboxes are usually distributed to children in areas affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine and disease.

Always based on need, given with unconditional love. A child does not have to be a Christian or convert to Christianity to receive these gifts.

Although any medium shoebox can be covered, I particularly like the thought of a group of children opening their boxes at the same time, all receiving the same amount of gifts. The red and green boxes also help with practical aspects of transporting and distribution.

First choose an age group and gender – 2-4/5-9/10-14yrs and off you go. If you can afford to, you're encouraged to donate £5 which covers, among other things, shipping from the UK to ten countries, customs clearance, project material and training local churches.

This year on my stand, I shall have some handmade Christmas cards for sale (all monies will go towards the cost of the boxes and costs as mentioned above). I shall have the usual list of suggested 'new' items but you can also find info on their website and craft makes too.

<https://Samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ-quality.crafts>

I hope you'll get as much fun out of filling your box for a child, as Deidre and I do,

Thank you so much, from Tricia.

Boxes will be available to be picked up in both churches at the beginning of September. In the meantime, please do start collecting your items!

Huge thanks to Deirdre and Tricia for making this happen!

5) Help needed sorting out the St. Mary's Cellar

Some of you may have heard that around a week ago, the St. Mary's cellar flooded badly, leaving wonderful David Hodges and wonderful Steve Bottom having to sort it out for us! The flood was cleared, but all the items from the cellar now need cleaning.

David Hodges is hoping to do this on Saturday 29th August and would love some help with this. He writes:

On Thursday the cellar was flooded (18ins) we need to clear everything out and clean it all, wash down the sides and floor in the cellar and then put it all back. If you're able to help on Saturday 29th August between 10 and 12 and can bring buckets, cloths, jet washers if you have them then it would be a great help. Please let me (David) know: 01737 212331.

6) Dates for this week:

Saturday 22nd August, 7pm: Nork with Burgh Heath Talent Show, via Youtube

Sunday 23rd August, 9 am: Service at St. Paul's (please book in advance)

Sunday 23rd August 11 am: Service at St. Mary's (please book in advance)

Tuesday 25th August, 10 am - 12 pm: Private Prayer at St. Mary's

Tuesday 25th August, 2 - 4 pm: Private Prayer at St. Paul's AND FOOD BANK COLLECTION
OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

Sunday 30th August, 9 am: Service at St. Paul's (please book in advance)

Sunday 30th August, 11 am: Service at St. Mary's (please book in advance)

Rev Alex Stevens

Vicar

Parish of Nork with Burgh Heath

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