

Nork with Burgh Heath Parish News and Updates – Wednesday 16 September 2020

Dear Church Family Members and Parish Friends,

Hoping you're all well.

This email contains information on the following topics:

1. Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Wednesday 30th September at 7.45 pm
2. The updating of our electoral roll
3. Our next food bank collection
4. Messy Harvest
5. A local digital inclusion project
6. Events this week
7. Reminders of the links for booking to attend the services on Sunday

As always, if you have any questions, please do be in touch.

Love and prayers,

Alex

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1) Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Wednesday 30th September at 7.45 pm

Our APCM was due to be held back at the end of March, but got cancelled due to COVID-19 and then all APCMS were put on hold until now.

We are delighted that we are now able to hold this meeting on Wednesday 30th September at 7.45 pm.

Due to our large PCC (comprising of 20 people) and the other ministry leaders who need to be present for this meeting, it will be held 'in person' for PCC members and a few others, who are stepping down from or taking up different roles at this time; and via Zoom, for anyone else who would like to attend. I.e. the meeting will be a hybrid of the two, like our Sunday services now are at St. Mary's - and will be soon at St. Paul's.

There will be a Zoom host, which should enable people who want to ask questions to do so via Zoom - and also if there is any voting we will do this through Zoom chat and Zoom polls.

More information on all of this, including the ministry and financial reports from 2019, will be sent out before the meeting for everyone to read.

Nomination forms for the PCC (we will have 2 spaces for St. Mary's and 3 for St. Paul's) will be available at both churches this Sunday and next - and the form is also attached to this email.

Please do think carefully about whether God may be calling you to join the PCC at this time - and be in touch if you'd like to find out more about what is involved for this coming year.

2) Updating of our Electoral Roll

Each year just before the APCM, the electoral roll for the churches is updated.

We cannot do this the usual way this year, but instead you will receive an email with your own details asking you whether you wish to remain on the roll until the next APCM (March 2021) and whether there are any details which are incorrect / need altering. (Those who are not on email will be receiving this by post).

Please may I ask that you respond to these emails quickly to help us out - and also check your 'junk boxes' over the next week so you do not miss them?

At the APCM we will then update on the numbers on the electoral roll and how this has adjusted.

3) Our next Food Bank Collection

The next food bank collection we are making as a parish for the Epsom and Ewell Food Bank will be on Wednesday 23rd September from 2-4pm outside St. Mary's in the car park. (It will also be possible to bring donations for the food bank to the harvest services in both churches on Sunday 27th September).

We will also have shoe boxes for people to take away and fill for 'Operation Christmas Child' if you would like to do so and are not attending church at present. (These need to be filled and returned by the beginning of November).

The items the foodbank is most in need of at the moment are:

Sponge Puddings – we have run out
Instant Mash – We have run out
Kids Treats – Very little in stock
Powdered Milk – We have run out
Jam – We have run out
Sugar (500g bags please)
Tea bags
Coffee
Custard
Washing Up Liquid
Tinned Meat (but not Spam)
Breakfast Cereal – especially Weetabix (but not porridge, we have lots)
We also need:
Tomato Ketchup
Baby food
Nappies – Size 3 & 6+
Shaving Gel

Shower Gel
Shampoo
Conditioner
Pump Soap

4) Messy Harvest Celebration - Sunday 27th September 3pm

Sue & Dave Wharton, Fiona, Robin and members of the Messy Church Team are putting on a Youtube Celebration ('A Harvest Offering of Praise') for us on the afternoon of Sunday 27th September at 3pm.

Fiona has written to us to let us know how we can be involved and support this (please see the letter attached, including an embedded link to follow to send contributions).

Please do take your photographs over the next few days and send them to the team.

5) A local Digital Inclusion Project

Attached is some information about a local inclusion project to help children / families who have no or very little access to IT equipment (and are therefore struggling with their education at the current time). They are hoping some of us may have old laptops and Ipads / other equipment which we may be happy to donate which could be re-purposed to help those who need them.

Please do take a look and see if you can help.

6) Events this Coming Week:

Sunday 20th September, 9 am: Holy Communion at St. Paul's (please book your place on the link below)

Sunday 20th September, 11 am: Morning Worship at St. Mary's (please book you place on the link below - or book to Zoom in on a further link below)

Tuesday 22nd September, 4pm: Zoom Parish Prayers

Wednesday 23rd September, 2-4pm: Foodbank Collection outside St. Mary's

Sunday 27th September, 9 am: Holy Communion Harvest Service at St. Paul's (booking email will be sent out early next week) ** You can also bring foodbank donations to this service

Sunday 27th September, 11 am: Holy Communion Harvest Service at St. Mary's (booking email will be sent out early next week) ** You can also bring foodbank donations to this service

Sunday 27th September, 3pm: Messy Church 'A Harvest Celebration of Praise' via youtube (link and information to follow next week)

7) Links to book to attend our services this Sunday (20th September):

To attend the 9 am Holy Communion Service at St. Paul's on Sunday 20th September 2020,
Please use this link: <https://forms.gle/JYgMbarPffVUAuD58>

To attend the 11 am Morning Worship Service at St. Mary's on Sunday 20th September 2020,
Please use this link: <https://forms.gle/BBv98kPKC9cyqngK9>

To Zoom into the 11 am Morning Worship Service at St. Mary's (and be sent the Zoom link for this) on Sunday 20th September 2020,
Please use this link: <https://forms.gle/E3ZEC83Ech6ktFAb6>

Love and prayers,
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