

## Nork with Burgh Heath Parish News and Updates – Thursday 24 September 2020

Dear Church Family Members and Parish Friends,

Hoping you're all well.

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to the foodbank collection yesterday afternoon. It is not too late to add your items, as we will also be collecting for this very important cause in both churches for our Harvest services this Sunday.

The items needed by the food bank are as follows:

*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*

Below is this week's news and information on the following topics:

1. Our APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) on Wednesday 30th September at 7.45 pm
2. Our Messy Church Harvest Celebration Via Youtube, this Sunday afternoon at 3 pm
3. Our Prayer and Praise Event Via Zoom, on Sunday 4th October at 8 pm
4. Our other services and events this week
5. Some congratulations and thank yous you may wish to contribute to
6. A message from Ron & Judy Goldby, who move to Shropshire at the end of September

Please do be in touch if you have any questions about the contents of this email - or anything else.

Love and prayers,

Alex

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### **1) Our APCM: Wednesday 30th September at 7.45 pm**

We are holding our Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which was postponed from March this year due to coronavirus, on Wednesday 30th September at 7.45 pm.

For PCC and other key office holders who have been asked to attend in person, this will be at St. Mary's.

For everyone else (due to the restrictions on numbers which can attend either church building at any one time) this will be via Zoom.

Judy Parnall, a member of our PCC, has very kindly agreed to act as 'Zoom host' for the meeting and it will be possible to ask questions if you wish to do so via Zoom - and if there are any items which go to vote (though this is not something I am anticipating at this stage), it will be possible to vote in this way also.

To sign up to receive the Zoom link and information for the meeting, please click here to send me your details: <https://forms.gle/AfSghYAsZrTK4Aa3A>

There are several spaces available on PCC, due to the current very dedicated members stepping down or moving away from the area. If you prayerfully consider that you may be an appropriate candidate to stand for PCC this year, then the nomination form is attached and I would be grateful if you could return these to me by Monday 28th September. These forms will also be available again in both churches on Sunday.

## **2) Our Messy Church Harvest Celebration via Youtube at 3pm this Sunday at 3pm**

This week, as well as our services in the churches and worship email, plus activities for children & families at home, we are putting on a Messy Church Harvest celebration at 3 pm, via youtube, for which the trailer is here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCQYnAYv2vVtm8wujk0Xjpw/>

It is the same link to follow on Sunday at 3 pm.

Please see below a message from Sue, Dave and Fiona, who lead our Messy Church Team at St. Mary's and who have worked together to prepare this event:

*It's not long now until our online YouTube Messy Harvest on Sunday, September 27th at 3pm and we hope that you're looking forward to joining in. There will be four things to do as part of the service in addition to the songs and stories including a prayer activity, a cookery activity, a craft making a scarecrow's face and some science experiments exploring rainbows. Attached are lists of the resources that you will need so that you can get begin to get organised ahead of time! And fruit/vegetables templates that you could print off and use for the prayer activity although do feel free to draw your own.*

*We hope that you enjoy taking part in the Messy Harvest and having the opportunity to give thanks for all that God has provided for us to enjoy.*

*David, Sue and Fiona*

### **3) Our Prayer and Praise Event via Zoom, on Sunday 4th October at 8 pm, led by Andrew and Catherine Shaw**

Andrew and Catherine Shaw are putting on a prayer and praise event for us to worship God through singing together on Sunday 4th October, at 8 pm. This event will be via Zoom.

They have been practising hard and are looking forward to welcoming you to praise God alongside them, whilst hearing about various church family member's favourite hymns and some history about the music from Andrew.

To book to attend this event, and be sent the Zoom link and song words, please click here: <https://forms.gle/BpTdxNFWvigPbM3SA>

### **4) Our other Services and Events this week:**

*Sunday 27th September, 9 am:* Harvest Communion Service at St. Paul's, for which you can book a place here: <https://forms.gle/hy3D4EjoVz7QBtc49>

*Sunday 27th September, 11 am:* Harvest Communion Service at St. Mary's, for which you can book a place here: <https://forms.gle/gXwdzExN3i7rrdWKA>

And you can book to attend via Zoom here: <https://forms.gle/rTqYHpbDaJi5WjBs8>

Wednesday 30th September, 7.45 pm, Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), for which you can book a Zoom place here: <https://forms.gle/AfSghYAsZrTK4Aa3A>

Sunday 4th October, 9 am: Community Alive (non eucharistic) service at St. Paul's, for which the booking links will be sent out early next week

Sunday 4th October, 11 am: Holy Communion service at St. Mary's, for which the booking links will be sent out early next week

Sunday 4th October, 8 pm: Prayer and Praise via Zoom, led by Andrew and Catherine Shaw, for which you can book a Zoom place here: <https://forms.gle/BpTdxNFWvigPbM3SA>

### **5) Some congratulations and thankyou's you may wish to contribute to**

Andrew Shaw is about to be licensed as Lay Minister for our parish in October, Fiona Ellingham has just finished her 7 year (!! wow!) training to be a Curate and, although licensed several years ago, has now completed her studies as well.

Chris Moore and Amanda Reed have been incredible wardens for the last year, including during COVID-19 which has been a very challenging time for everyone.

The APCM will be an opportunity for many thankyou's, in addition to these four - and everyone's membership and the part we all play in our church family are all equally valued.

As always, if you want to comment, please email Alex.

## **6) A Message from Ron and Judy Goldby**

Please find attached a message from Ron & Judy Goldby, who are moving to Shropshire at the end of September, following 15 years at St. Mary's and a further 10 at St. Paul's Howell Hill.

We prayed over them at the service last week (20th September) following the rather quick news that their house move is now progressing faster than thought, having been delayed.

They are part of our family and will be missed enormously, but it is time to send them on to new adventures - and we wish them very well for the future.

Information on the address & how to stay in contact is in their message.

Love and prayers,  
Alex

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