

Nork with Burgh Heath Parish News and Updates – Thursday 1 October 2020

Dear Church Family Members and Parish Friends,

Hoping you're all well.

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to our wonderful harvest collection of items for the foodbank. The photo is attached - we took a huge amount of food and £165 in financial donations to the foodbank this week and they were delighted. Thank you!

This news update contains information on the following:

1. Our APCM yesterday evening
2. Events happening this week, including links to sign up to attend our services
3. Alpha
4. Church Walks
5. Operation Christmas Child
6. A Parish Quiet Day
7. Messy Harvest

As always, if you have any questions about any of these items, please do not hesitate to ask.

With love and prayers,

Alex

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1. **Our APCM yesterday evening**

Following a very successful and celebratory APCM meeting yesterday evening, remembering all that God did for us in the parish in 2019... and His faithfulness which has continued into 2020, I attach the ministry reports and the financial reports from 2019 for you to read if you would like to.

Please do be in contact if you would like to ask questions about any of their content.

The minutes from the meeting are being finalised and will be sent out next week.

2. **Events happening in the coming week:**

To book to attend the **9 am 'Community Alive' Service (with no communion) at St. Paul's on Sunday 4th October**, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/DkxZf3YZBLEjL38m6>

To book to attend the **11 am Communion Service at St. Mary's on Sunday 4th October**, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/YdZbpNW9VRAeBgBr5>

And to attend the **11 am Communion Service at St. Mary's on Sunday 4th October, via Zoom**, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/Jvsun9QKjPKScYBN9>

To book to attend the **8 pm 'Praise Event' on Zoom, led by Andrew and Catherine Shaw, on Sunday 4th October**, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/BpTdxNFWvigPbM3SA>

To book to attend the **8 am BCP communion service at St. Paul's on Wednesday 7th October**, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/ZT6rt8t2D5XP54Jv6>

To book to attend **parish prayers via Zoom, at 2pm on Thursday 8th October**, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/d2qftK1iiNmi3niH8>

3) Alpha

We are going to run Zoom Alpha in the parish again this term, from Tuesday 27th October, for 8 Tuesday evenings, running up to the 15th December.

Sessions will be at 8pm, lasting for between 60 and 90 minutes.

We will be creating flyers for this, but in the meantime if you are interested in finding out more information, please email me - and please be praying about who to invite to join in.

4) Church Walks

Following the wonderful parish walk led by Simon and Jane Morrison on Monday 14th September, we are hoping to make this a monthly activity.

I have asked Jane and Simon to co-ordinate this, though they are hoping that others will be happy to also take on leading the walks.

They write:

"Simon and Jane Morrison have agreed to organise a parish walking group meeting monthly for a walk of normally 3 - 4 miles in the morning of either the second or third Saturday of each month, on the understanding that there will be some who feel able to take turns in devising and leading the walks. In addition to good exercise and fresh air, this will give the opportunity for fellowship and community in a safe way and an opportunity to invite friends to join us. If interested in principle, please could you e-mail Simon, giving a telephone number (Simon.R.Morrison@btinternet.com, 020 8643 0338), saying whether you can normally manage the second or third Saturday (please give information on both, not just a preference) and whether you feel able to devise and lead the walk occasionally (possibly with someone else). In the present situation, with two leaders we could have two groups of six, separated by a short distance. We are hoping to start in October: any offers for leading it this time?"

Please do get in contact with them.

5) Operation Christmas Child

Tricia Peacock and Deirdre Jackson would like to remind everyone that we are collecting shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child again this year.

This is a wonderful opportunity to give Christmas gifts to children who would otherwise have nothing.

Shoe boxes will be available for collection at each of the churches - and can be collected from either Tricia or Alex by arrangement too.

Please do support this wonderful cause!

6) Parish Quiet Day

Fiona Ellingham is offering the opportunity for us to participate in a parish quiet day Via Zoom on Wednesday 21st October, from 10 am - 3 pm.

This will be a good opportunity for us to 'take stock' with God in these times and a flyer with all the information and the link to register for the day is attached.

7) Messy Harvest

Following the lovely Messy Harvest event put on by the St. Mary's Messy Church team last Sunday afternoon (thank you all of them), the link has now been made private as church family members, including children, participated in it.

It is still possible to watch & join in with this, however, by requesting the link from Fiona Ellingham on the following email address: curate@norkwithburghheath.com

Attached are photographs of the scarecrow and crumble made by Tricia Peacock as she took part.

If anyone else has any pictures, please do send them if you would like to!

Love and prayers,
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