

## **Nork with Burgh Heath Parish News and Updates – Thursday 14 January 2021**

Dear Church Family Members and Parish Friends,

Hoping very much this email finds you well and keeping safe.

It contains news on the following items:

- a) The Prayer Course, which we will be running in the parish in Jan and Feb via Zoom
- b) Other diary dates
- c) Fiona's licensing
- d) Ash Wednesday
- e) Prayer needs of members in our church family
- f) Link to Alastair's sermon from last Sunday

I will be sending out the information for the livestream of this coming Sunday's service separately.

Love and prayers,

Alex

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### **a) The Prayer Course**

Following the success of our online Alpha course in the first lockdown, back in March 2020, we are going to run 'The Prayer Course' online for this lockdown!

<https://prayercourse.org/>

This will be on Tuesday evenings, at 7.45 for 8.00 pm, starting with an introductory first session on Tuesday 19th January (next week). Each session will be between 60 and 90 minutes long.

Prayer & relating to God is at the core of our Christian faith and the challenges of lockdown provide an ideal opportunity for us to press into this area more at this time.

Topics & dates (all at 7.45 for 8 pm) are as follows:

- Tuesday 19th January: Why Pray?
- Tuesday 26th January: Adoration
- Tuesday 2nd February: Petition
- Tuesday 9th February: Intercession
- Tuesday 16th February: Unanswered prayer
- Tuesday 23rd February: Contemplation
- Tuesday 2nd March: Listening

Tuesday 9th March: Spiritual warfare

Each session will include short video, the opportunity to discuss it's contents, and a chance to pray together in whatever way you feel comfortable at the end of the session. There is also a very good book by Pete Greig, which accompanies the course.

To sign up please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/14Xu44BBfnUKy9oB7>

To find out more, please email Alex your questions! ([vicar@norkwithburghheath.com](mailto:vicar@norkwithburghheath.com))

I am really excited about the possibilities of this course in helping us all grow as disciples - individually and as our church family.

### **b) Other diary dates:**

In addition to our Sunday live-streaming from the churches at 10 am and the prayer course, in January and February there will also be the following regular events (links will be sent out at the beginning of each week for these):

#### Parish Prayer Meetings

(These last approximately half an hour and are an opportunity to pray for the needs of the world, our parish and of others who we are concerned for.)

Monday 25th January 2pm

Wednesday 10th February 2pm

Wednesday 24th February 2pm

#### Coffee & chat opportunities

(These last approximately 30-45 minutes and are an opportunity to catch up with others over a cup of tea / coffee & share news)

Thursday 21st January 2pm

Wednesday 3rd February 11am

Monday 16th February 2pm

### **c) Fiona's Licensing**

Fiona's licensing will be at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 20th January (next week). Due to the current circumstances this will, sadly, be via Zoom only for everyone except for the key people who need to be at the service.

A link will be sent out next week, but please save the date in your diaries and please do continue praying for Fiona & Robin as they prepare to begin ministering in Ruxley Parish from next week.

#### **d) Ash Wednesday Service**

There will be an Ash Wednesday service via Zoom on Wednesday 17th February at 7.30pm.

Please do save the date in your diaries and more information will follow in due course.

#### **e) Church Family Members needing our prayers**

Please pray for the following people who are in need of our prayers at this time:

a) Please continue praying for Tricia Peacock and her family, following the death of her brother Mike last week. Please particularly pray for Janine (his wife), Lucy (his daughter), Tricia & Christina his sisters and Tricia's mum.

b) Please pray for Geraldine Kirby's partner, Tony, who is in Epsom hospital with COVID-19 and for Geraldine, who has not been able to visit him or see him for 3 months now due to all the restrictions

c) Please pray for Chris Moore's mother, Helen Moore, who has also contracted COVID-19, and for Chris, his sisters and all the Moore family at this time

d) Please continue to pray for Ken, Alison Ward's father, as he continues to make small steps of progress in recovering from having COVID-19

#### **f) Link for Alastair's sermon from last Sunday**

For those who missed out on Alastair's wonderful sermon on being adopted into God's family last Sunday, the link is here: <https://youtu.be/AavlKsV7IkY>

Judy's intercessions are also attached to this email.

Thank you again to all who contributed to last Sunday's service and helped to make it such a special occasion, despite the challenges we currently face.

Love and prayers,  
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