

Nork with Burgh Heath Parish News and Updates – Thursday 25 March 2021

Dear Church Family Members and Parish Friends,

Hoping you're all well.

This week's news email contains information on the following:

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The information about our Sunday morning service for this week will be sent out on Saturday.

As a church family we are praying for many people who we care about, all of whom are very precious to us. However today, in particular, please do keep the Shaw family in your prayers. Sarah (who is still in hospital) has taken another turn for the worse yesterday and today, with temperatures over 40 degrees and the hospital uncertain what is wrong. Andrew and Catherine are very worried - and also terribly weary from everything they have been experiencing over these last weeks. Please pray for them all.

Love and prayers,
Alex
(07312113019)

1. The Banstead Five Palm Sunday service this weekend

This weekend, The Banstead Five (a group of local churches together, of which we are one) are having a Palm Sunday service at 6.30 pm on Zoom.

This will take us through the stations of the cross, telling the story of Holy Week, as well as being an opportunity to meet with other Christians in the locality for prayer and praise of God. Please do come and join in and support the B5 if you can!

The order of service for this is attached and the Zoom link & information is below (I am told it says 7.30 pm currently because the clocks have not yet changed):

Join Zoom

Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82397123840?pwd=ZG1uckl0OXlnSjRHemZnQTEyVzdJUT09>

Meeting ID: 823 9712 3840

Passcode: 866791

2. Our Easter Services

Our Easter services this year will be as follows (all links and the booking forms for Easter Sunday will be sent out at the beginning of next week):

Palm Sunday (28th March): Joint Parish Zoom Service from St. Mary's at 10 am

Palm Sunday (28th March): B5 Easter Week Service on Zoom at 6.30 pm (see link and information above)

Maundy Thursday (1st April): 7.30 pm Reflective service on Zoom

Good Friday (2nd April): 10 am Reflective service on Zoom

Good Friday (2nd April): 3pm Messy Easter Celebration on Youtube

Easter Day (4th April): 9 am Service at St. Paul's, which will also be Zoomed (booking will be required to attend in person, please see the booking form next week)

Easter Day (4th April): 11 am Service at St. Mary's, which will also be Zoomed (booking will be required to attend in person, please see the booking form next week)

3. Messy Easter

Sue & Dave Wharton, Paul Boughton and the Messy Church Team are working hard behind the scenes to prepare for our Messy Easter Celebration on Friday 2nd April at 3pm. This will be streamed via Youtube at this time.

Attached is a list of all the items you will need for the wonderful range of craft activities the team is preparing.

More information about these (including instructions) will be sent out next week.

The team are putting a huge amount of work into preparing this service - please do mark it in your diary, collect the items together and plan to join in if you can.

4. Items to enjoy from last week's service

Vanessa's intercessions from last Sunday's service are attached (thank you so much Vanessa!) and the link to my sermon is

here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6h6D1_DwZQ



5. Introducing our new Operations Manager, starting after Easter!

The Wardens, the PCC and I are delighted (please hear massive cheering!) to announce that, after much prayer and searching, we have found a wonderful new Operations Manager for our parish!

Michelle Cahill, who is highly qualified for this role, will start work with us after Easter and writes the following:

Hello, I'm Michelle and I am so excited to be joining the Parish of Nork with Burgh Heath as Operations Manager!

Following graduation from my English degree, I more or less fell into working in Local Government (starting with a temporary job whilst waiting for my results and ultimately working up through the ranks). After a number of years, I realised that this just wasn't the career I wanted for the rest of my life and so took a career break. During that time I worked as a volunteer, largely with a local parish. I have learned a great deal about how a parish operates in the past few years and how important they are to a community. I have also found my skills base has been extremely useful.

I have been a Christian all my life and, particularly over the course of the past few years, I have developed and strengthened my faith. I am a firm believer in the overwhelming love of God and of the power of prayer. God has worked in all sorts of extraordinary ways in my life, even when I took my time to listen and to act! I had been truly praying for an opportunity to arise where I combine my faith and skill set, serving both God and the church community. The chance to work with all of you is not only a dream come true, it's an answer to my prayers.

Personally, I live in a mobile home on Box Hill with two cats, George and Daisy. I have one lovely son, Jack, who lives in Hove.

I am looking forward so much to meeting and working with you all.

God bless

Michelle

I look forward to introducing Michelle to you more fully in a couple of weeks time.

Thank you so much to Steve Bottom, who has been carrying out some of the operations tasks for the parish, working one day a week officially (but often much more!) for the last

year. Steve, it's been a joy and your work is so hugely appreciated! You have achieved much and we are very grateful.

Thank you also to the superb team of others who have assisted too: Chris Moore, George Drewitt, David Hodges, Michael Stevens, Doug Nurse, Sue Hay, Simon Parnall, Tomos Davies and Piers Clark have all also helped with multiple buildings & garden projects in the last year to help us to make some wonderful progress in further equipping our buildings for ministry into the future.

6. Our next foodbank collection

Our food bank collections are back!

The next one will be on Tuesday next week (30th March) from 2-4pm outside St. Paul's (or just inside the porch if raining heavily). Please do come along with some items and support this very important cause.

Current most pressing needs are for: coffee, washing powder/ liquid/ tabs, custard, dried pasta and sauce, hot chocolate, toothpaste for adults, tea bags, marmalade and honey.

7. Our church gardens

When you are walking past either St. Mary's or St. Paul's, please do take a moment to enjoy the beauty of our church gardens which are blooming with daffodils and other spring flowers currently.

Thank you so much to Doug Nurse for all his hard work in maintaining the St. Mary's garden! It looks fantastic!

8. A baby bouncer going free

Theresa Allen's granddaughter has grown out of her baby bouncer, which is now going free to anyone who would like it (please see photo attached). First come first served- please reply to this email and I will forward your message on to Theresa.

Love and prayers,
Alex

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