

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR, ALEX – 20th May 2021

Dear Church Family Members and Parish Friends

Hoping very much this email finds you well.

Thank you for all the wonderful contributions to another very good food bank collection yesterday afternoon (please see photo attached!).

This news email contains information on the following:

1. Our Joint Family Zoom Service at 10 am on Sunday
2. Messtival
3. An update from the Baxters
4. Some thank yous from the Shaws and the Coppins

Love and prayers,

Alex

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1. **Our Joint Family Zoom Service at 10 am on Sunday**

This Sunday (23rd May) we have our monthly, fourth Sunday, Joint Family Zoom service at 10 am, which this week will be streamed from St Paul's this time.

The link and all the information for this service will be sent out on Saturday.

Please do join us on Zoom, but don't turn up to the churches for the usual service times as they will not be open!

Very much looking forward to seeing you all - and to us all being together again.

2. **Messtival**

Sue and Dave Wharton, our Messy Church Leaders, write the following about an event on Saturday. Please do take a look whether you are a team member already, or whether you have a heart for this ministry across our parish.

Hi Everybody

On Saturday, May 22nd Messy Church are holding what they're calling Messtival on Zoom. It's divided into two parts.

Morning: Messy Church teams and leaders enjoy loads of brilliant workshops online

Afternoon: Messy families join in the Great Big Messy Church wherever they are (only 20 minutes)

If you're interested use the link below to check out the 20 workshops on offer to see if any appeal - you can do up to three in the time. Some of them sound really interesting - there's one on anything techy to do with Messy Church, Messy Church in a bag, Baptism and Communion and Messy Planet to name but a few. If you decide you would like to take part just sign-up for free.

<https://www.messychurch.org.uk/messtival>

Itinerary

9.45 am: Zoom doors open

10.00-10.15 am: Messy Gathering

10.20-10.50 am: Missions 1

11.00-11.30 am: Missions 2

11.40 am -12.10 pm: Missions 3

12.10-12.30 pm: Messy Gathering

3.00-3.15 pm: Messy Celebration on [Messy Church YouTube channel](#)

God bless

Sue

3. An update from the Baxters

The latest update from the Baxters about the school in the Gambia is attached - please do take a read and catch up on their news and take some time to pray for them.

4. Some thank yous from the Shaws and the Coppins

The Coppin family say thank you to everyone for supporting them in prayer at this time - and for continuing to do so - and for all the kind messages and cards they have received. Times are hard, but the support of the church family in this way has been a great help.

The Shaw family also want to express thanks for the support of the church family over the last 3 months with Sarah being so ill and write:

We would love to express our grateful thanks to the church family for their love and prayerful support over these last few months. Sarah still has a long road to travel but it is wonderful to have her home with us at last.

We join with them in rejoicing at this wonderful news, and huge answer to prayer - and continue to pray for them together at home.

Love and prayers,
Alex

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