

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR, ALEX – 11th May 2021

Dear Church Family Members and Parish Friends,

Hoping you're well.

The link for Parish Prayer tomorrow (Tuesday 11th May at 11 am) is here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81335684573?pwd=aHI5ZG5nSHowWkQ0WUpPelFiMG9sZz09>

This news email contains information on the following:

- 1) Booking links for the services for this weekend (Sunday 16th May)
- 2) Dates coming up in the next couple of weeks (with a May, June overview to follow next week)
- 3) Christian Aid Week
- 4) Thy Kingdom Come Prayer
- 5) Our next food bank collection
- 6) Our parish walking group & the next walk
- 7) The sermon link from the service last Sunday, on Jonah 3

Love and prayers,
Alex

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1) Booking links for the services this weekend (Sunday 16th May)

To book to attend the service at St. Paul's at 9 am on Sunday, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/DqVPmTa94UuNH9Nz8>

To book to attend the service at St. Mary's at 11 am on Sunday, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/Q1DEQXfiuSPzRtSS9>

Please book for both by Saturday 15th at 9 am, to enable setting up of the churches.

It will be possible to Zoom into both services as well, and the links and information needed for this will be sent out later in the week.

2) Dates coming up in the next couple of weeks

Parish Prayer will be on Tuesday 11th (tomorrow) and Tuesday 18th May, both at 11 am (*these are revised times from previous publications, due to other parish events which have arisen since they were put in the diary*).

Thirsty Thursday (a group for men in the parish to meet, have a bible study and enjoy fellowship together) will be meeting on Thursday 13th May. Please contact Simon Parnall: simon.parnall@me.com if you would like to attend.

Our next **Food bank Collection** will be on Wednesday 19th May, from 2-4 pm, outside St. Paul's, please see further information below

Our **Parish Walking Group's** next walk will be on Saturday 22nd May, please see further information below.

3) Christian Aid Week

This week is Christian Aid Week.

We are collecting for this as a parish, and the focus for our parish prayer meeting tomorrow will be on this theme.

If you are currently attending services in person, you have been given a Christian Aid collection envelope at church.

If you are not currently attending services in person, you will receive a Christian Aid collection envelope via the post.

If you would like to make an offering to this very good cause, envelopes can be put through the vicarage door, or brought to either church when attending the services. We will be collecting until Tuesday 1st June, before sending all of the collection funds off to Christian Aid.

Thank you to Deirdre Jackson for leading this initiative in our parish.

4) Thy Kingdom Come Prayer

This year's 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer runs from Thursday 13th - Sunday 23rd May (Ascension to Pentecost). This is an opportunity to pray for more people, across the world, to come to know the wonderful love of our Saviour, Jesus.

A prayer Novena is attached to help us all to pray during this time (which will also be sent via post to those not on email).

5) Our next Food Bank Collection

Our next parish Food Bank Collection will be on Wednesday 19th May from 2-4 pm, outside St. Paul's.

We are so grateful for the wonderful support from church family and community members of these collections - thank you!

The items currently needed are as follows: Long life sponge puddings, rice pudding, ketchup, powdered milk, UHT milk (semi skimmed and full fat please), bars of soap, long life fruit juice, treats for children, rice, sugar (500g bags only please).

They do not currently need any more pasta, following the great response in recent weeks to their need for this!

6) Our parish walking group & the next walk

Simon & Jane Morrison, Parish Walking Group Co-ordinators, write the following:

With restrictions easing, the parish walking group is now planning to get started again. There will be monthly walks of 3 - 4 miles on Saturday mornings, normally followed by a picnic for those who wish, devised and led by those members who feel able. The walks are an ideal opportunity not only for our own fellowship, but also to draw in friends and neighbours. The first walk will be on 22 May but walks will then be on the third Saturday of each month.

If you are interested in principle, and are not amongst the 17 people who are already on the circulation list, please get in touch with Simon and Jane Morrison (020 8643 0338 / Simon.R.Morrison@btinternet.com) so that we can keep you informed. Please could you also make contact if you might like to join us on 22 May and have not already been in touch.

We are greatly looking forward to these walks.

Thank you so much to Simon & Jane for setting this up - the walk planned for the 22nd May is a lovely one - please do join in if you can!

7) The sermon link from the service last Sunday, on Jonah 3

The link to listen to the sermon from last Sunday is here: <https://youtu.be/wBEiTYm6uJg> and can also be found on our parish Facebook page.

Love and prayers,
Alex

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