

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR, ALEX – 24th June 2021

Dear Church Family Members and Parish Friends,

Hoping this email finds you all well.

Thank you so much to our 6 new Mission Partner Champions & our gardening teams for both churches, in response to the last couple of Vicar update emails.

It is wonderful to be reviving old, and forming new, teams for different church & outreach activities in the parish. With the restrictions gradually lifting we are at an exciting stage and I am so looking forward to seeing how God moves amongst us next.

This week's 'call out' for volunteers is for people who may like to join our new 'Eco Parish' focus group. We are considering carefully our responsibility to look after God's world and what this means for our churches, as well as for us as individuals. Please have a think about whether this may be for you and read below for further information.

Don't forget that our worship this week is at 10 am on Sunday (27th June), on Zoom, for everyone except the small team of people who will kindly be joining me in church. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to be together as a whole church family, across both churches, in a safe way for the current times.

Details of how to log into the service will follow on Saturday, ready for Sunday morning - look forward to seeing you there.

Other information contained in this email is on the following:

- a) Small groups in our parish
- b) Eco Church
- c) Food bank
- d) Parish Directory

Love and prayers,
Alex

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a) Small groups in our parish

Following the success of Alpha, The Prayer Course, and The Bible Course, all run during the last year, we will be opening some more small groups across the parish for Bible reading, prayer and fellowship together.

These will begin in the Autumn and may meet weekly, fortnightly, or at another interval agreed by the groups. They may be by Zoom or in person (or a combination of both) as agreed by each group.

To register your interest, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/v4G4nH2MycGvxjRT9>

Or to find out more information, please email me.

Those groups already running in the parish will continue if they wish to - this is in addition to these.

b) Eco Churches

As mentioned above, I am hoping to put together an Eco Parish group, who have a particular heart for being environmentally conscious and caring for God's world, to work on helping us become more Eco-friendly as a parish and also challenge us as individuals to do the same.

If you have a heart for this very important ministry area, please register your interest in joining the group here: <https://forms.gle/bbkiryHk8Ft3z6Fk9>

c) Food bank

Our next food bank collection will be next Tuesday, 29th June, from 2-4 pm, outside St. Mary's.

Items the foodbank are currently collecting are: dog food (wet and dry), biscuits, children's toothpaste, breakfast cereal (not porridge), pulses, tinned meat, hot chocolate, tinned vegetables, instant mash, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, tea bags, washing up liquid, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant (male and female), treats and snacks for children.

d) Parish Directory

Thank you to everyone who has returned your parish directory forms, to be part of the parish directory distributed to church members.

If you would still like to return these forms (to Michelle, our operations manager), please could you do so by Friday 9th July.

Please see the attachments in the news emails from the last 2 weeks. Paper copies are also being sent out in the post.

Love and prayers,
Alex

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