

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR, ALEX – 1st July 2021

Dear Church Family Members and Parish Friends,

Hoping you're all well.

Thank you very much indeed to everyone who contributed to another very successful foodbank collection on Tuesday. Please see the photo attached! It was also wonderful to have conversations with you all - thank you for coming along.

Thank you as well, to everyone who contributed to our recent collection for Christian Aid. I am delighted to let you know that we raised £427 (to much of which gift aid will also be able to be added). A wonderful amount, which will be a blessing to families in need across the world. Thank you so much to Deirdre Jackson for arranging this - and to Michelle & Deirdre for counting it all and sending it off.

This week's news email contains information on the following

1. Booking links for this week's services (Sunday 4th July)
2. Eco Parish
3. Small groups
4. Zoom links from the sermons for the last two Sundays
5. The visit to the Diocese from the Archbishop of Canterbury
6. News from the Ketchums
7. The next Banstead Five Pantomime

Love and prayers,
Alex

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1. Booking links for this week's services (Sunday 4th July)

To book to attend the service at St. Paul's this Sunday (4th July) at 9 am, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/YcJxrsmKfRC4JN4i6>

To book to attend the service at St. Mary's this Sunday (4th July) at 11 am, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/Q6rZ6pDdDxSfdw1J8>

As is our current norm, both services will also be Zoomed and the Zoom links & relevant information will be sent out on Saturday.

2. Eco Parish

We are 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.

Thank you to those who have signed up already - if you have a heart for this very important ministry area, please register your interest in joining the group here: <https://forms.gle/bbkiryHk8Ft3z6Fk9>

3. Small groups

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 (thank you to everyone who has already done this), 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.

4. YouTube links from the sermons for the last two Sundays

The YouTube links to the sermons from the last two Sundays, on Daniel chapters 4 and 5 are below:

Daniel Chapter 4: <https://youtu.be/7oQ5hWAjP0w>

Daniel Chapter 5: <https://youtu.be/8kY61dwAUeI>

5. The visit to the Diocese from the Archbishop of Canterbury

As many of us are aware, the Archbishop of Canterbury is visiting our Diocese between the 24th and 26th September.

As part of this weekend, there will be a big event on the evening of Friday 24th September for church families. Please see a message below from David Senior, who has bravely taken on the enormous voluntary role of organising this weekend:

Booking is now open for An Evening with Justin Welby, our big event for clergy and congregations with Archbishop Justin on Friday 24 September at 8pm.
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../an-evening-with-justin...>

Join us at the Lakeside Centre near Camberley as we worship, share what God is doing in our parishes, pray for the events taking place over the weekend, hear ++Justin speak on the future of the local church and join in an extended time of Q and A. This is your opportunity to talk with Archbishop Justin about the issues of concern to you and your congregation, and is not intended for guests. It will be followed by eleven Big Questions guest events to be addressed by ++Justin throughout the diocese.

Please do use the Eventbrite link to sign up for this event if you would like to.

6. News from the Ketchums

Those of us who are signed up to receive it have had another wonderful update on news from Keith and Rosie Ketchum this week.

Some of their prayer requests will be included in the intercessions on Sunday.

I have tried to create a PDF of their news, but formatting is a little tricky. If you would like to read further, please send me a message and I will forward the email to you.

7. The next Banstead Five Pantomime

Having been 'paused' in recent times of COVID-19 and lockdowns, the Banstead Five Pantomime team are able to get going again, preparing for a production in January 2022.

Please see this message below and send them a message if you would like to join in:

PANTO IS BACK

If you missed us in the lockdown The Pilgrim Pantomime Company are back

Preparations are under way for our January 2022 production of Jack and the Beanstalk

*Audition workshops at the URC Woodmansterne Lane will be on:
Wednesday 21st and 28th July 2021 at 7.30 pm*

If you are a young person interested in acting, singing, dancing, working back stage, doing make up or helping in any way then we need you to be part of our team!

*Year 4s to 7s can join the junior dance team
Year 8s to 13s plus for the senior cast and chorus*

All are welcome even if your school days are behind you

No experience is necessary but fun is guaranteed!

To express your interest email Jen at pilgrimpanto.banstead@gmail.com

Love and prayers,
Alex

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