

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR, ALEX – 8th July 2021

Dear Church Family Members and Parish Friends,

Hoping you're all well.

This news update contains information on the following:

1. Booking links for this week's services (Sunday 11th July)
2. Helping us boost our social media presence
3. The next parish walk
4. The visit to the Diocese from the Archbishop of Canterbury
5. News from Jo & Kevin Blair
6. The YouTube link for the sermon from last Sunday (Daniel 6)

Love and prayers,
Alex

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1. **Booking links for this week's services (Sunday 11th July)**

To book to attend the service at St. Paul's this Sunday (11th July) at 9 am, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/vaeJ1bUo9KWL1aEk7>

To book to attend the service at St. Mary's this Sunday (11th July) at 11 am, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/ZuThAiiSBkNpa3Ps9>

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

2. **Helping us boost our social media presence**

Many of you will be aware that Michael has set up parish Facebook and YouTube pages for us - and that we hope to soon have a new website for us all too (more on that in the near future!) ...

Michael would appreciate some help with the content for the Facebook page (and you do not have to be familiar with Facebook or IT to help). Please take a read of his message below and see if you may be able to contribute:

Dear Church Family,

We have grown together so much as a church family over the last year and more, which is brilliant, and we would now like to invite you to take part in growing our family and helping others who do not know or understand the good news about our loving God, to come to find out about Him.

As most of you will be aware, we now have parish Facebook and YouTube pages. These are both great tools to reach out to those who are seeking but who may not want to come along to church to ask their 'first questions' about who we are and what we believe.

We currently upload the Sunday sermons onto YouTube and share these on Facebook and we also include updates on parish events such as the food bank collections, Christian Aid collections, our courses and other news.

We would love it if you may wish to contribute some supportive content to be shared on one of these platforms.

If you feel comfortable recording yourself, then a short video is great, but if this is not for you then you may feel happy to write something so we can either record your words or share them in writing as a Facebook post.

The kinds of things we are after are ways to catch people's attention about God, such as:

- 1. A particular bible verse you like and a sentence or two about why you like it and how it has impacted your life*
- 2. A testimony (story) about something positive that God has done or is doing in your life, which points to His goodness and His work in the world*
- 3. A poem drawing people to God or something similar*

Please send any contributions or ask any questions on socialmedia@norkwithburghheath.com (our email address for social media items).

*Thank you very much
Michael*

4. The next parish walk

Our next parish walk will be on the morning of Saturday 17th July and will be led by Sue and Francis Hay.

It will be just over 3 1/2 miles and will start from Reigate Heath.

Please contact Sue Hay on the following email address for more information: sue.hay_stpauls@yahoo.com

Thank you to Sue and Francis for leading this walk.

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.

There will also be a more local event, in our own deanery, on the Saturday afternoon. More information will follow about this soon.

6. **News from Jo & Kevin Blair**

Jo and Kevin are very excited to share with the church family that they are expecting a granddaughter at the end of October!

Congratulations Jo and Kevin - we are praying for you both and all the family at this precious time.

7. **The YouTube link for the sermon from last Sunday (Daniel 6)**

To listen to Andrew's sermon from last week on Daniel Chapter 6, please use this link: <https://youtu.be/EPNVeUMjuKA>

Love and prayers
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