WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR, ALEX – 4th August 2021

Dear Church Family Members and Parish Friends,

Hoping very much that this email finds you well.

This week's news email contains information on the following:

- 1. The booking links for the services at both churches on Sunday 8th August
- 2. An invitation to a church family picnic in the vicarage garden (dry weather dependent)
- 3. An invitation to share your contributions for our parish face book page
- 4. An update on the Archbishop of Canterbury's visit to the Diocese and our local area
- 5. Church Family members in need of our prayers
- 6. A message from Doug Nurse

Love and prayers, Alex 07312113019

1. The booking links for the services at both churches on Sunday 8th August

To book to attend the 9 am service at St. Paul's on Sunday (8th August), please use this link: https://forms.gle/XjCFcWkFaHHSwZAt9

To book to attend the 11 am service at St. Mary's on Sunday (8th August), please use this link: https://forms.gle/ypoquGPwSS1KmP2P7

As usual, both services will also be Zoomed and the information for this will be sent out on Saturday.

2. An invitation to a church family picnic in the vicarage garden (dry weather dependent)

Everyone in our church family is invited to a church family picnic, on the Vicarage Lawn on Sunday 22nd August (providing the weather is suitable for this).

Please turn up anytime from 12pm (finishing time 2pm ish), bringing your own picnic and your own chair/s or whatever you would like to sit on.

Please pray for good weather! It would be wonderful to us to be able to be together, outside, in a way that everyone feels comfortable and safe to participate.

3. An invitation to share your contributions for our Parish Facebook page

Thank you so much for the wonderful contributions to share God's love through our face book page so far. We have received 2 favourite readings, which have been shared, a video of the Lord's prayer being read from Canterbury Cathedral and a video poem. All of which have been very much appreciated.

We are still hoping more people may wish to share a favourite bible verse or reading, which we can post for you - or a poem that you have written or found which shares of God's love - or another idea to encourage others in the Christian faith.

Please send your contributions to Michael at socialmedia@norkwithburghheath.com

4. The Archbishop of Canterbury's visit to the Diocese and our local area

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, at The Lakeside Centre near Camberley at 8pm, for which tickets can be booked on this link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-with-justin-welby-tickets-160856571335

This will be followed by smaller, more local, deanery events and the one for Epsom Deanery (ours) is at 3.30 pm on Saturday 25th September at Blenheim High School. We are encouraged to invite friends who may not be familiar with church to attend this event with us.

More information can be found, and tickets can also be booked, on this link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/big-questions-with-the-archbishop-of-canterbury-epsom-tickets-162246091427

Two flyers about this event are attached.

5. **Church Family members in need of our prayers**

Please pray for the Sanderson family: David, Lucy and Jack as they prepare for Sue's funeral on Friday this week.

Please also pray for Beryl Davis, who has had a fall and been admitted to hospital with a suspected cracked or broken hip (we do not have further information at this stage, but I will update further when we do).

If you would like the church family to be praying for your needs, we would all be very glad to do so - please do contact me to be added to this list if that is the case.

6. **A message from Doug Nurse**

Doug Nurse has a free ticket for a coach trip to Buscot Park, Oxfordshire on Friday (6th August), leaving from outside M&S Banstead at 8.30 am. First come first served - please get in contact with Doug if you're interested: dougrosie@hotmail.com

Love and prayers, Alex

Rev Alex Stevens Vicar Parish of Nork with Burgh Heath

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