

## **WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR, ALEX – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Dear Church Family Members and Parish Friends,

Hoping you're all well.

This news email contains information on the following:

- a) Booking links for the services this Sunday (12th September)
- b) An overview of key dates from now until the end of this year
- c) Our response to the Crisis in Afghanistan
- d) Our next foodbank collection
- e) Alpha
- f) The next parish walk
- g) Banstead club for those who are blind or partially sighted
- h) The Archbishop's visit

Love and prayers,  
Alex

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### **a) Booking links for the services this Sunday (12th September)**

To book to attend the service at St. Paul's this Sunday (12th September) at 9 am, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/SmhgTK3j3MfPKsqj7>

To book to attend the service at St. Mary's this Sunday (12th September) at 11 am, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/VxYmhRUd4hknsHxt6>

Both services will also be Zoomed.

### **b) An overview of key dates from now until the end of this year**

An overview of key dates and events in our parish from now until the end of this year is attached to this email as a PDF document (for easy printing). Please do spend a bit of time looking through and add them to your diaries.

Please also use the overview to help you to pray for our church family and our parish at this time, as many activities resume following Covid-19 and many new ones get started as well.

### **c) Our response to the Crisis in Afghanistan**

In response to the crisis in Afghanistan, we are going to have a Zoom prayer meeting on Tuesday (14th September) at 7pm.

The link for this is here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86388244015?pwd=RWNObHNDcUhQUXBtVlpTQ0FjSFQ4QT09>

We are also going to collect items to support refugees arriving in the UK, which will be used to make 'support packs'. This will be at the same time as the food bank collection this month and will be on Wednesday 22nd September from 2-4 pm at St. Paul's (please bring your contributions for the food bank and your contributions for the refugees at the same time).

Items needed for refugees in need are:

Tents

Men and boys coats, especially medium sized

Sleeping bags and blankets

Jogging bottoms and jeans, size 26-34 waist

New boxer shorts (especially medium and small, tight if possible)

Socks, hats and gloves

Hoodies and jumpers

Unlocked mobile phones with chargers (unlocked being essential)

Power banks

Tarpaulins

Rain ponchos

Back packs

Torches

Toiletries and toiletry packs

Roll mats

T-shirts

Trainers

Bin bags

Anti-bacterial hand wash

Children's sports wear

Women's sports wear

Women's leggings

Women's new underwear

Dried fruit and nuts

UHT milk

Sugar

Biscuits

Cakes

Coffee

Tinned food e.g. meats (not pork), lentils, beans, tomatoes

Cooking oil

Tea

Long life fruit juice

Please only provide undamaged goods.

#### **d) Our next foodbank collection**

Our next food bank collection will be on Wednesday 22nd September, from 2-4 pm at St. Paul's. (This will run alongside the collection for refugees).

The items currently needed for the food bank are:

Long life sponge puddings  
Powdered milk  
Meat pies (no alcohol)  
Tinned Vegetables  
Rice  
Cooking sauces  
Treats and snacks for children  
Mayonnaise  
Ketchup  
Shampoo  
Washing powders  
Washing up liquid  
Bags for life

#### **e) Alpha**

We are running the Alpha course in our parish on Zoom, on Wednesday evenings at 8pm, from the 6th October.

Please see the flyer attached and the themes for each evening on the dates overview and be thinking about who you may invite to take part.

Please contact Andrew Shaw for further information: [LLM@norkwithburghheath.com](mailto:LLM@norkwithburghheath.com)

#### **f) The next parish walk**

The next parish walk will be on Saturday 18th September and will be led by Lesley Rice.

Lesley writes:

#### Parish Walking Group Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup>

Come and join me, Lesley Rice, on the next Church Walking Group, a four mile walk starting from Milton Heath and Nower Carpark, circling through woods, farmland and meadows back to Dorking for a picnic lunch (please bring your own picnic) at my house. After that, there is a twenty minute walk back to the car park via the interesting and quirky old West Street in Dorking. The walk is fairly flat, mostly tracks with good surfaces, with gentle inclines down through a wood and a park, and up across a meadow. Any surface can be slippery if very dry or wet, so you may like to bring a pole for stability. If you are interested, please contact me by Saturday 11th September, and I will send full details to you. [lesleyannrice@outlook.com](mailto:lesleyannrice@outlook.com)

### **g) Banstead club for those who are blind or partially sighted**

Peter Wilson, a community friend in our parish, runs Banstead club for those who are blind or partially sighted. A flyer is attached with more information. Please do share this with anyone who you think may be interested or helped by this important provision.

### **h) The Archbishop's visit**

It is not too late to sign up to attend the local event for our Deanery, at Blenheim School on Saturday 25th September at 3.30pm, where the Archbishop of Canterbury will be speaking and answering questions on matters of faith.

Please do think about who you may invite and / or book to attend yourself.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/big-questions-with-the-archbishop-of-canterbury-epsom-tickets-162246091427>

Love and prayers  
Alex

**Rev Alex Stevens**  
**Vicar**  
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