

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR, ALEX – 23rd September 2021

Dear Church Family Members and Parish Friends,

Hoping you're well.

Thank you so much to all of you who contributed to our Food Bank and refugee collections this week. The response was wonderful! (A Food Bank photo is attached and a photo of the Refugee items collected will be shared next week, we are still sorting & categorising them into bags).

This email contains the following:

1. Information about this Sunday's Whole Parish Service, at 10 am, via Zoom
2. Operation Christmas Child
3. A message from John & Dorothy Baxter
4. The Archbishop's visit to our Diocese
5. Alpha
6. Jam Jars

Love and prayers,

Alex

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1. **Information about this Sunday's Whole Parish Service, at 10 am, via Zoom**

This Sunday's service (26th September) will be at 10 am, as it is a whole parish service which replaces the services in each church. It will be ON ZOOM and all details will be sent out on Saturday.

2. **Operation Christmas Child**

Tricia, Deirdre and I are delighted to let you know that the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes have arrived, ready for filling (they are no longer stuck on the HGV vehicle somewhere on the way here!)

They will be available for collection from both the churches over the coming weeks and if you would like to fill a box and need one delivered to your home because you cannot come to church to collect it, then please let me know and someone will drop it round to you.

3. **A message from John & Dorothy Baxter**

John and Dorothy have sent this Youtube link for us to enjoy:

<https://youtu.be/iljmlgSVSdM>

If you go in about 14 minutes, you will find a broadcast from the school about some of the activities taking place there at this time.

4. The Archbishop's visit to our Diocese

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>

Please also see this video for more information: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhB_VPF6Ae4

5. Alpha

We are running Alpha in our parish, for 8 Wednesday evenings at 8pm, from Wednesday 6th October.

This is a wonderful opportunity to explore the Christian faith, whether you have been a believer for a long time or you are simply wondering about it.

Please think about friends and family members who you may like to invite to take part.

For more information, please contact Andrew Shaw: LLM@norkwithburghheath.com

To find out more about alpha, please look at this website: <https://alpha.org/>

6. Jam Jars

Do you have any spare jam jars at home? Or could you be collecting them over the next couple of months to be used for our Christmas activities at both churches?

Please can you save any empty jam jars (washed) and give them to Michael, Michelle or I at services or drop them to the Vicarage porch (placed somewhere where Michael will not trip please!)

This would be hugely helpful to us as we begin to prepare our Christmas outreaches.

Thank you all.

Love and prayers,
Alex

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