

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR, ALEX – 14th October 2021

Dear Church Family Members and Parish Friends,

Hoping this email finds you well.

This week has been a wonderful week, re-starting Community Alive (our family service at St. Paul's) which went really well, starting 'Little Roots' our new Toddler Group, which also went very well - and trying out compline in the parish prayer meeting which seems to have been helpful to those who attended. (We pray in different ways every month, on the second Tuesday of the month!)

David Wright and I had wonderful visits to three of our parish nursing homes on Tuesday - Rosedean, Montclair and, for the first time in 18 months due to the pandemic, Banstead Manor. It was a very happy reunion at Banstead Manor after all this time and 16 of us gathered for the service. There is even talk of starting a Connect Group there, linked to our churches. Watch this space!

This weekend we are excited to have Messy Church re-starting (our family service at St. Mary's) and there is much more happening in the coming weeks!

The rest of this news email contains information on the following:

1. Little Roots Toddler Group
2. Messy Church
3. Foodbank (the next collection is on Wednesday this coming week)
4. Remembering Loved Ones

Love and prayers,

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1. **Little Roots Toddler Group**

Little Roots, our new Toddler Group at St. Paul's started very well on Wednesday. It runs from 9am-10.30am every Tuesday during term time.

Please use the flyer attached to spread the news as far as you can that this has started up.

Thank you!

2. **Messy Church**

Please spread the word that 'Messy Church' is back at St. Mary's this weekend!

It will have a harvest theme and those who wish to can bring contributions to the food bank either on Sunday for the service - or during the week to the regular food bank collection (please see details below).

Sue and Dave would be grateful if you have any of these items which you can bring to the service with you:

Empty 2 litre plastic drink bottles

Clean plastic and cardboard containers and boxes

Polystyrene trays

And also if you could invite any families you know to come along!

3. Foodbank (the next collection is on Wednesday this coming week)

Our next Food Bank collection will be on Wednesday 20th October, from 2-4 pm, outside St. Mary's.

Items needed this time are: deodorant - male and female, powdered milk, shaving foam, shower gel, noodles, squash, tinned fruit, coffee, meat pies (no alcohol), bags for life.

Thank you so much for your continued support of this very important ministry.

4. Remembering Loved Ones

It is a little way away, but our Remembering Loved Ones services will be on Sunday 7th November, at 9 am for St. Paul's and 11 am for St. Mary's.

Please do be thinking whether you know anyone who may be helped by attending one of these at this time.

There will be the usual opportunity to have names of loved ones read out in the service and to light candles too.

Love and prayers,
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