

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR, ALEX – 25th November 2021

Dear Church Family Members and Parish Friends,

Hoping you are all well.

This news email contains information on the following:

1. Our Christmas Lights Outreach (from 28th November to 24th December)
2. The Parish service, at 10 am, on Sunday (28th November) ON ZOOM
3. A reminder of the Christmas dates
4. Parcels of love (by 8th December)
5. Foodbank (8th December)
6. The Christmas Crafts morning, at St. Paul's (4th December)
7. Refresh@10, relaunching at St. Mary's (11th December)
8. 'Hungry Thursday' (9th December)

If you have any questions about these or any of the other events happening in the parish in the coming months, please do be in touch.

Love and prayers,
Alex
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1. Our Christmas Lights Outreach (from 28th November to 24th December)

Following this working so well last year, we are repeating our Christmas Lights outreach again this December.

At any point between Sunday 28th November and Friday 24th December, please can you decorate a window in your house with Christmas lights or a nativity scene to show others around us a little of the love of God this Christmas.

Please take a photo of your window and either email it back to me or to Michael on socialmedia@norkwithburghheath.com or post it to our parish Facebook page which can be found by searching NBHSurrey on Facebook.

Please see the flyer attached for more information. And please do share this with friends and family so they can join in too.

It would be wonderful to have as many windows decorated as possible!

2. The Parish service, at 10 am, on Sunday (28th November) ON ZOOM

Our Service this Sunday will be a whole parish service and will be at the alternative time of 10 am, on Zoom. (The hope is that, after Christmas, we will be able to begin having whole parish services in person, alternating between the churches on the 4th Sunday of the month).

More information about Sunday's Zoom service will be sent out on Saturday.

3. A reminder of the Christmas dates

The coming 6 weeks (the rest of 2021) are busy for our parish and some key dates are below:

Saturday 4th December, 10 am - 12 pm: Christmas Crafts morning for all ages at St. Paul's

Wednesday 8th December 2 - 4 pm: Parish food bank collection at St. Mary's, including collection of Christmas parcels of love for those who are isolated and vulnerable at this time

Saturday 11th December 10 - 12 pm: Refresh@10 Relaunch & Christmas Celebration

Sunday 12th December, 9 am: Community Alive Advent Service at St. Paul's

Sunday 12th December, 4pm: Christingle Service at St. Paul's

Tuesday 14th December: 2pm - Christmas Carol services & Carol singing for our local Nursing homes (arrangements TBC, as it depends on regulations nearer the time how many of us can go)

Sunday 19th December, 11 am: Messy Nativity at St. Mary's

Sunday 19th December, 6.00 pm: Parish Carol Service, at St. Mary's

Friday 24th December, Christmas Eve, 3pm: Christingle at St. Mary's

Friday 24th December, Christmas Eve, 5.30pm: Parish Crib Service, at St. Paul's

Saturday 25th December, 9 am: Christmas Day service at St. Paul's

Saturday 25th December, 11 am: Christmas Day service at St. Mary's

Sunday 26th December: no services in our churches, the Diocese are providing a pre-recorded service to enjoy, and more information will be sent out nearer the time

Please do store the dates in your diaries and come to as many of these special occasions as you can.

4. Parcels of love (by 8th December)

On the 8th December, when we do our Christmas food bank collection, we will also be collecting Christmas Parcels of love (gift bags filled with 8-10 small items which may bless an isolated member of our local community this Christmas). We will be collecting them at the vicarage porch from now until the 8th December, or they can be delivered on the 8th itself.

If you would like to contribute a parcel for an adult man or a woman, please do not include any nuts or alcohol.

Please do be in contact if you would like any further information.

5. Foodbank (8th December)

Our final food bank collection of this year will be on Wednesday 8th December, from 2-4 pm, outside St Mary's.

Items most wanted at this time are: custard, UHT milk, long-life fruit juice, Spaghetti in sauce, nappies & pull ups 4+ and 6+, bags for life, selection boxes, Christmas puddings (non-alcoholic), savoury snacks - crisps, twiglets, cheeselets etc tinned ham, seasonal biscuits, chocolates, sweets & treats, mince pies, packet stuffing, Christmas napkins, Christmas tea towels, Gift cards of £10 for Argos, Boots, Superdrug, Wilkos.

6. Christmas Crafts Morning, at St Paul's (4th December)

On Saturday 4th December, from 10am- 12pm, we will be having a Christmas Crafts morning for all ages at St Paul's.

This will be an opportunity to come along, enjoy a drink and some biscuits or mince pies and to do some Christmas crafts.

All are welcome. Those who wish to social distance will be able to do so, just have a quiet word with Alex on arrival to indicate that this is your preference.

7. Refresh@10, relaunching at St. Mary's (11th December)

On Saturday 11th December, from 10 am - 12 pm, we will be having a re-launch of 'Refresh@10' at St. Mary's.

This is a community coffee morning, which had to stop during COVID, and we are delighted to be able to start again with Christmas activities & festive cheer.

All are welcome.

8. 'Hungry Thursday' (9th December)

On Thursday 9th December, the 'Thirsty Thursday' men's group will be having their Christmas meal at the 'Grumpy Mole' at 7.30 pm.

If you would like to join in, please contact Simon Parnall asap on simon.parnall@me.com, to book your place.

Love and prayers,
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