

## WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR, ALEX – 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022

Dear Church Family Members and Parish Friends,

Hoping this email finds you all well.

Thank you to everyone who brought items for the Foodbank yesterday afternoon - as is often the case, we collected a wonderful range of goods which will now be delivered to the Epsom and Ewell Foodbank.

I'd like to highlight at the start of this email, that it is the next whole parish service (both churches together), at 10 am, at St. Paul's this Sunday (27th February). This will replace the usual services at 9 am at St. Paul's and 11 am at St. Mary's. It will be wonderful to be together and I look forward to seeing you there. We will also be welcoming a speaker from London City Mission (one of our mission partners) who is coming to tell us more about the charity and to preach for us as well.

The other items of news this week cover the following topics:

1. Praying for the Ukraine
2. Refresh@10, Saturday 26th February, at 10 am at St. Mary's
3. Forest Church, Sunday 27th February, at 3pm in the Backlands behind St. Paul's
4. An appeal for Toddler toys & equipment - can you help?
5. 8 am BCP Communion, Tuesdays at St. Paul's
6. Fellowship Group, Monday 28th February, 7 pm on Zoom
7. Ash Wednesday, Wednesday 2nd March, 7.30 pm at St. Mary's and on Zoom
8. Parish Prayer, Tuesday 8th March, 7 pm on Zoom
9. Lent Reflections, Tuesday evenings on Zoom at 8 pm, for 5 Tuesdays from the 8th March

Love and prayers,  
Alex

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### 1. Praying for the Ukraine

I am sure you will have been as devastated as I have been at the news today about the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Attached is a prayer written by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York for this day and time. Please do pray it alongside me this evening or whenever you read this email. 2

### 2. Refresh@10, Saturday 26th February, at 10 am at St. Mary's

Refresh@10 is back, this Saturday, at St. Mary's at 10 am. Please do join us if you can for tea/ coffee, cakes, chat and fun! We'd love to see you.

A flyer is attached - please do share it with your friends also!

**3. Forest Church, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February, at 3pm in the Backlands behind St. Paul's**

Our next Forest Church is on Sunday afternoon at 3pm, in the Backlands behind the St. Paul's hall. Do come and join us if you can. It is lots of fun!

A flyer is attached - please do share it with your friends also!

**4. An appeal for Toddler toys & equipment - can you help?**

Our Parish Toddler Group, 'Little Roots' continues to go from strength to strength and we are in need of some additional items. Do you have any of the following, which someone at home may not need any more:

Large vehicles - fire engines, etc  
Small vehicles  
Toys with light or sound  
Dolls - with clothes if possible  
Character play sets  
Books suitable for children up to 3

Please do let us know by responding to this email and I will put you in touch with the Little Roots team.

Thank you!

**5. 8 am BCP Communion, Tuesdays at St. Paul's**

8 am BCP Communion has returned to St. Paul's, now on Tuesday mornings (each week). The service lasts approximately 30-40 minutes and is a quiet and reflective way to begin the day. Please do come along and join us, we loved it this week!

**6. Fellowship Group, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 7 pm on Zoom**

On Monday (28<sup>th</sup> February) we have our second 'Fellowship Group' meeting, at 7pm on Zoom.

The link for this is here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88034156235?pwd=V2lyWnVSVzhsdopJQkthQy9laElwQT09>

Please come ready to share a short bible passage or prayer, through which God has inspired and encouraged you in the last month. Each person (who wishes to share) will have 2-3 minutes to do so and we will pray in-between too.

If you'd like to come along but don't feel comfortable or confident to share in this way, then please do join us – just let me know.

**7. Ash Wednesday, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 7.30 pm at St. Mary's and on Zoom**

On Wednesday next week, the 2nd March at 7.30 pm, at St. Mary's, we will be having our Parish Ash Wednesday Service. (This will be in person, but will also be zoomed and more information will be sent out next week). The service will include the imposition of ashes and communion - and will be a good way to begin Lent. Please do come if you can.

**8. Parish Prayer, Tuesday 8th March, 7 pm on Zoom**

Our next Parish Prayer meeting will be on Tuesday 8th March, at 7pm, on Zoom. Please do save the date in your diaries and details will be sent out nearer the time.

**9. Lent Reflections, Tuesday evenings on Zoom at 8 pm, for 5 Tuesdays from the 8th March**

Following on from our Ash Wednesday service next week, from Tuesday 8th March at 8pm on Zoom, there will be the opportunity to attend a series of Lent Reflections (for 5 Tuesday evenings), each lasting no more than an hour. They will be based on materials provided by Bishop Andrew.

More information will follow soon about this.

Thanks for reading this far!

God bless you all.

Love and prayers  
Alex

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