### WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR, ALEX – 16<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022

Dear Church Family Members and Parish Friends,

Hope very much that this email finds you well.

It was an exciting week last week, with several nursing home visits and end of term visits to some of the parish schools - and a wonderful Little Roots (our parish toddler group) picnic in the Vicarage gardens, where 22 toddlers came along with 19 adults. It was so much fun!

This week's news email contains information on the following:

Our services for the next two weeks

Key dates for the next couple of weeks

Beryl Davis' funeral

A report from Marian Bateman about her recent visit to Romania, and also one from Ann and Clive McIntyre.

Love and prayers Alex

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### Our services for the next two weeks

Tomorrow (Sunday 17th July) and Sunday 24th July, our services will be at 9 am at St. Paul's and at 11 am at St. Mary's.

The following week (the fifth Sunday, rather than the fourth Sunday for this one month) on the 31st July will be a joint service at 10 am at St. Mary's, which will be followed by the parish picnic in the Vicarage Gardens (with the St. Paul's hall as a backup in case it rains).

Further information about the services will be sent out each week as usual, but I wanted to make clear the difference on the fourth and fifth Sundays for this month.

### Key dates for the next couple of weeks

<u>Foodbank</u>: Our next Food Bank collection will be on Wednesday 27th July, from 2-4pm outside St. Paul's.

The items the foodbank are collecting this month are as follows: long-life sponge puddings, cooking sauces, powdered milk, tinned vegetables, tinned spaghetti (e.g hoops), noodles, mayonnaise, long-life fruit juice, squash, rice pudding, toilet roll, washing powder

Parish Craft Morning: Our next parish craft morning is coming up at will be at St. Paul's from 10 am - 1pm at St. Paul's. Everyone (of any age) is welcome. Refreshments will be served during the morning and you do not need any crafting expertise to join in!

<u>Parish picnic</u>: Our parish picnic will be on Sunday 31st July, from 12-2pm in the Vicarage gardens (after the whole parish service at St. Mary's that morning, at 10 am). Please bring your own chairs to sit on and your own picnic. (The hall is the back-up plan if it rains)

<u>Forest church</u>: Our next Forest Church get-together (in the St. Paul's Backlands, behind the hall) will be at 3pm on Sunday 31st July. All are welcome.

## **Beryl Davis' funeral**

Beryl Davis' funeral will be at 1 pm at St. Mary's on Friday 29th July.

We are putting together a book of memories of Beryl for each of her three sisters and her son Matthew. This is the final reminder if you would like to send something for inclusion in the book - please send the messages to me in the next couple of days.

# A report from Marian Bateman about her recent visit to Romania, and also one from Ann and Clive McIntyre

Marian is safely returned from a wonderful trip to Romania, and she has written about it in the attached report. Ann & Clive McIntyre, who she travelled with, have also written a report and it is also attached. The two read well together as part a and part b.

Love and prayers Alex

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