

## WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR, ALEX – 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Church Family Members and Parish Friends,

Hoping this finds you all well.

It was good to catch up with a number of you in our Whole Parish service this morning and at Forest church this afternoon.

This news email contains the following:

1. An overview of the parish key dates to the beginning of January 2022
2. Our September prayer diary
3. An overview of the dates coming up in the next week
4. Information on the Parish Listening Course
5. Various notices from other local churches, which may be of interest

Love to you all

Alex

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### **1. An overview of the parish key dates to the beginning of January 2022**

Attached is the overview of key dates for the parish up until the beginning of January 2022. This was sent out to everyone on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, but I thought it might be helpful to send it again.

### **2. Our September prayer diary**

Also attached is our September prayer diary (our October one will be sent out soon). We have decided to send out a prayer diary each month, which gives key dates and other information about what is happening in the parish - for our awareness and our prayers. Please do use the diaries to pray!

### **3. An overview of the dates coming up in the next week**

MACMILLAN COFFEE: There are three opportunities to enjoy coffee and cake, whilst donating to Macmillan Cancer Support this week:

Monday 26th September, 2-4 pm, a coffee and cake afternoon at St. Paul's

Friday 30th September, 10 am-12.30 pm and 2-4 pm at Hilary Latham's house (if you'd like to attend and do not know Hilary's contact details, please let me know and I will link you up with her).

PEGGY CARAPETIAN'S FUNERAL: Is at 2pm at Randalls Park Crematorium on Tuesday 27th September

THE LISTENING COURSE: is at St. Mary's on Tuesday 27th September at 7.30 pm

LITTER PICKING: for anyone who is interested, please come and help us litter pick - we will be doing this for an hour from St. Paul's in the local area of Nork on Saturday 1st October at 10 am

JOHN & DOROTHY BAXTER'S VISIT: John and Dorothy are visiting to catch up with us and to let us know about the developments with the school in The Gambia. Please do join us for a service at St. Paul's on Sunday 2nd October at 3pm, followed by cake, tea and coffee.

#### **4. Information on the Parish Listening Course**

Miriam and Neill Oakley are running a listening course on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm (for which a flyer is attached to this email). Those of us who attended last week absolutely loved it and would highly recommend it to others.

Mimz and Neill say it is not too late to join in. If you'd like to do so, please contact Mimz on: [mimomob@hotmail.com](mailto:mimomob@hotmail.com)

#### **5. Various notices from other local churches, which may be of interest**

a) The Banstead Five are looking for a member of our parish to be a trustee (there is one person from each of the 'five' church families represented) to meet (only 3 times a year) to discuss how any monies associated with the Banstead Five are allocated to community projects. Please see the flyer attached and let me know if you could fulfil this role for us. I will then put you in contact with Susan Major from All Saints Banstead, who will tell you more.

b) Hilary Latham is a member of the Banstead Flower Club, who are exhibiting at All Saints Banstead from the 7th-9th October. Hilary will be creating a display for this. Please do take a look at the flyer for more information and go along to see Hilary's lovely work.

c) On Wednesday 16th November, from 9.30am- 3.30 pm, St. Paul's Howell Hill will be hosting their annual 'Church Growth Conference' (please see the flyer attached, where a variety of famous speakers will be present, including J John and Lucy Moore (who began Messy Church). Please do take a look at the flyer and book your tickets! If you go, please do also feedback your learning, so we can use it in our parish

d) Banstead URC are holding a 'Balloon Debate' on Saturday 22nd October, please do see the flyer attached for this.

e) Banstead Combined Charities are holding a Christmas Preparation event on Saturday 1st October. Please see the flyer attached.

Love and prayers  
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