

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR, ALEX – 17th November 2022

Dear Church Family,

Hoping this finds you well.

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to our food bank collection this week (photo attached) and also to everyone who filled a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child (photo also attached). I am delighted to let you know that we filled 94 shoe boxes as a parish! Thank you to you all and thank you in particular, to Tricia and Deirdre who led this important activity.

This news email contains information on the following:

1. Our services this week and next
2. Soaking on Sunday 20th November, 4pm
3. Refresh@10, Saturday 26th November, 10 am
4. Warm Spaces
5. Christmas Lights Initiative
6. Christmas Carol Service - a call for musicians and singers
7. The B5 Advent Service - Thursday 24th November 2022, 7.30 pm

Love and prayers,

Alex

1. Our services this week and next

This weekend, our services (on Sunday 20th November) will be 9 am at St. Paul's which will be a communion service where David will be speaking on Christ the King and our 11 am Messy Church celebration at St. Mary's.

On Sunday 27th November, we will be having our monthly 'Whole Parish' service, at 10 am which will be at St. Mary's this time around. I am delighted to be welcoming Paul Williams, a representative from A'Rocha to come and speak for us about Eco Parish.

This will be followed by Forest Church at 3pm in the St. Paul's Backlands.

2. Soaking on Sunday 20th November, 4pm

On Sunday (20th November) at 4pm at St. Mary's we will be having our next 'Soaking Prayer' time, led by Miriam Oakley and Val Gurney. This is a time to enjoy space with God - involving a mixture of music and quiet. I'd recommend it and will be there myself!

3. Refresh@10, Saturday 26th November, 10 am

On Saturday 26th November, it is our next Refresh@10 Coffee morning (at 10 am) at St. Mary's. Please do invite your friends to come and join us for refreshments and fun together.

4. Warm Spaces

We are going to be opening St. Paul's as a 'Warm Hub/ Space' on 3 Tuesday afternoons in December and 3 Tuesday afternoons in January (which will be added to if this is a provision which meets the needs in our community).

If you are interested in being part of the team running these afternoons, please let me know asap.

More information will follow.

5. Christmas Lights Initiative

This year we will again be running our Christmas Lights Initiative.

Please can you decorate a window in your home with Christmas lights and send a photograph to Michael for our Facebook page, sharing with the Little Roots families (our toddlers) and sharing in the news email? We'd be so grateful for your support with this - which causes great excitement for the children in our parish each year.

Please send your photos to socialmedia@norkwithburghheath.com

Please see the flyer attached for more information.

6. Christmas Carol Service - call for musicians and singers

Simon Parnall would love to hear from you if you would like to be involved in singing or playing for our Parish Carol Service this year, which will be on Sunday 18th December at 6pm at St. Mary's.

Please do let him know on simon.parnall@me.com

7. The B5 Advent Service - Thursday 24th November 2022, 7.30 pm

On Thursday 24th November (next week) the B5 are holding an Advent Service. This will be at 7.30 pm at the Methodist Church (please see attached flyer for more information).

Love and prayers

Alex

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