

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR, ALEX – 23rd February 2023

Dear Church Family & Parish Friends,

Thank you to everyone who contributed to yet another wonderful food bank collection yesterday - your contributions are so appreciated (a photo is attached).

And thank you to everyone who supported another delightful craft morning at St. Paul's last week, where we enjoyed an attendance of 50+ children and around 25 adults (it is quite hard to count everyone - as they are all continually moving round the church collecting and working on crafts!)

Just a reminder that the next two Sundays are 'whole parish' services - this week (Sunday 26th February), at 10 am, we will be at St. Paul's, and the next week (Sunday 5th March), at 10 am, we will be at St. Mary's (which will also be Ethan Quin's Dedication Service).

Other items this week include:

1. The 'Deanery Greenery' Meeting (ECO Church) being hosted at St. Mary's this evening at 7.30pm
2. Refresh@10 on Saturday (25th February, 10am-12pm)
3. Our Parish Lent Course (Monday evenings for 6 weeks, from the 27th February)
4. Ethan Quin's Dedication on the 5th March
5. Some sad news about 2 members who used to be part of the church family who have recently died

Love and prayers,

Alex

1. **The 'Deanery Greenery' Meeting (ECO Church) being hosted at St. Mary's this evening at 7.30pm**

As per Michelle's email earlier, we are delighted to be hosting an Eco Church meeting for local churches from the deanery this evening at St. Mary's at 7.30 pm.

Jim Illingworth will be leading this meeting and we have invited Alison Moulden, who is the Diocesan leader on Eco Church.

Everyone is welcome whether you are part of the Eco Parish group, or you have an interest in this area.

2. **Refresh@10 on Saturday (25th February, 10am-12 pm)**

Our next Refresh@10 coffee morning is this Saturday (25th February) at St. Mary's from 10 am - 12 pm. Please do come along and join in the fun and fellowship!

3. **Our Parish Lent Course (Monday evenings for 6 weeks, from the 27th February)**

David Packham is going to be leading a Lent course for us this year, based on the Church of England Lent Reflections 'Dust and Glory' and also the Lent book written by Emma Ineson.

This will be for 6 weeks on the following Monday evenings: 27th February (this coming Monday), 6th March, 13th March, 20th March, 27th March & 3rd April.

Please contact David to express your interest or to let him know you would like to join the course:

curate@norkwithburghheath.com

4. **Ethan Quin's Dedication on the 5th March**

Ethan Quin, who is well known by our whole church family, at both St. Mary's and St. Paul's, is being dedicated in the whole parish service at St. Mary's on Sunday 5th March at 10 am.

Dan, Karen, Reuben and Ethan would love to see you all there - it will be a lovely celebration!

5. **Some sad news about a member who used to be part of the church family**

I am sad to let you know Shirley Quemby has also died peacefully last week, after a long illness. Colin, her husband, and family: Roger, Julia and Marion would like people to know that there will be a Thanksgiving Service (following the family-only cremation) on Thursday 30th March at 2 pm at St. Paul's Howell Hill. All are welcome to attend.

Love and prayers,
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