

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR, ALEX – 28th April 2023

Dear Church Family and Parish Friends,

Hoping you're all well.

Attached is an overview of the key dates for our parish for May-August 2023. Please do look through them all and add them to your diaries.

I have four items to particularly draw your attention to this week:

1. The Whole Parish Services Consultation

Thank you very much for all the responses to the most recent whole parish (joint) services consultation. I will be sending out a detailed overview of the responses offered and different next steps soon (it is taking a while to write up because so many good points were raised and I am trying to capture them fairly).

I have read everyone's contributions and replied individually to all the messages received.

For the next four months a sensible decision (taking a middle ground from all the responses) was to revert to one whole parish service a month, instead of two. These will be on the fourth Sunday of every month, alternating between the churches, as has been our practice for some time now.

In addition to this, there will be three other whole parish services (the details of these and the reasons for them have been included in the attached dates document) which are for unique special occasions.

More information will follow; and I thank you for your patience on this.

2. Rhian Davies & Friends Opera Concert - how to purchase tickets

On Thursday 18th May, Rhian Davies and some of her friends will be giving an Opera Concert at St. Paul's at 7.30 pm.

Tickets will cost £20 for adults and £15 for concessions. They can be booked on the following link (and there is a small booking fee for this also): <https://www.allaboardopera.com/voyage>

If you would have difficulty with these costs due to financial hardship, but would like to attend the concert, there will be a way for you to join in. (Please have a chat with me in the first instance and I will explain what to do).

All profits from this concert will be shared between the parish and the Opera Company.

3. Compline Prayer at St. Mary's on Tuesday 2nd May (next week)

On Tuesday 2nd May (next week) at 8 pm, David Packham will be leading a Compline Prayer service at St. Mary's (this has been on Zoom until recently and we have decided to move it into the church building for a few months to see whether people would like this as an alternative).

4. Coronation Prom, with free Livestream

On Saturday 6th May, Christians and enthusiastic singers from all over the country will be putting on a special edition of Prom Praise, for King Charles Coronation. This will be live streamed for free.

Information can be found on this link:

https://www.allsoulsmusic.org/?mc_cid=55dcfa4cfe&mc_eid=c86608f638

Love and prayers,
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