

## WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR, ALEX – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Church Family and Parish Friends,

Hoping this finds you well.

Thank you to everyone who supported the latest parish Foodbank collection (please see the photo attached). We were able to send a really good lot of items to the Epsom and Ewell Foodbank, which has been very gratefully received.

Thank you also to all those who attended the All Aboard Opera Concert at St. Paul's on Thursday. This was a wonderful occasion, and we even had the Scouts visit for part of the evening (please see the other photo attached). All profits were shared equally between All Aboard Opera and the parish, with the parish's half of this being £452.68 which can now be spent on ministry in our church family and local community.

On a sad note, yesterday we had the funeral of Matthew Davis at St. Mary's. 147 people attended and the family have expressed their gratitude to all who were involved in the service & in offering support in recent weeks. THANK YOU.

This news email contains information on the following:

1. Our Parish Christian Aid Collection for this year
2. Refresh@10 at St. Mary's on Saturday (27<sup>th</sup> May) from 10 am - 12 pm
3. The whole parish communion service on Sunday (28<sup>th</sup> May) at St. Mary's at 10 am
4. The Craft Morning at St. Paul's on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June from 10 am - 12 pm
5. The Plant Sale and coffee & cake at the St. Paul's hall, from 10 am - 12 pm on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June
6. The Thanksgiving for Yvonne Allaker, at St. Paul's Howell Hill at 2pm on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Love and prayers

Alex

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### 1. **Our Parish Christian Aid Collection for this year**

Following on from the Frugal Lunch to raise money for Christian Aid last week (thank you so much to Deirdre and Morna for organising this and to Amanda also for cooking soup), Christian Aid envelopes will also be available in both churches if you would like to give a donation to Christian Aid. We will be collecting these until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June, when the final monies will be counted and sent off to Christian Aid.

### 2. **Refresh@10 at St. Mary's on Saturday (27<sup>th</sup> May) from 10 am - 12 pm**

On Saturday we will be having our next Refresh@10 Coffee Morning, from 10 am to 12 pm. Please come along and enjoy tea, coffee, snacks and fellowship with others from our churches and the local community.

3. **The whole parish communion service on Sunday (28<sup>th</sup> May) at St. Mary's at 10 am**

This Sunday (28<sup>th</sup> May) we have our next whole parish communion, at 10 am, which this time will be at St. Mary's.

4. **The Craft Morning at St. Paul's on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June from 10 am - 12 pm**

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, from 10 am - 12 pm, we will be having our next parish craft morning (aimed primarily at primary aged children and their parents/ carers).

Please do spread the word. These are always popular mornings!

5. **The Plant Sale and coffee & cake at the St. Paul's hall, from 10 am - 12 pm on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, we will be having our Parish Plant Sale to raise funds for BACSECT, the Baxter's school in the Gambia.

There will be an opportunity to enjoy tea and cake together, to bring plants for sale and to buy plants too. Please do support this morning of activities if you can.

6. **The Thanksgiving for Yvonne Allaker, at St. Paul's Howell Hill at 2pm on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

Following her sad death recently: on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 2pm there will be a thanksgiving service for Yvonne Allaker at St. Paul's Howell Hill. All are welcome to attend.

Love and prayers

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