

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR, ALEX – 21st September 2023

Dear Church Family & Parish Friends,

Hoping you're all well.

Thank you so much for all of the very kind messages whilst Michael and I had covid (we are fully recovered now) and whilst my mum has then been so ill (we are into a new routine for this now). It has been very much appreciated. Poor Michelle has also been ill and off work for two weeks with tooth ache and then a chest infection, but will be returning to work soon. She too appreciates all of the good wishes from everyone. We are all glad things are settling after a very strange couple of weeks!

Some dates for your diaries coming up in the next week or so are as follows:

1. Whole Parish Service, Sunday 24th September at 10 am at St. Mary's

On Sunday (24th September) we will be having our next whole parish communion service, which will be at St. Mary's at 10 am. We look forward to seeing you there.

2. Forest Church, Sunday 24th September at 3pm in the St. Paul's Backlands (behind the hall)

Our next Forest Church will be on Sunday at 3pm in the St. Paul's Backlands, where we will be thinking about the Treasures of God's creation.

3. Food Bank Collection at St. Paul's on Wednesday 27th September between 2 and 4 pm

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The Epsom and Ewell Foodbank would be particularly grateful for the following items: tinned soup, tinned meat, baked beans, tinned sweetcorn, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, custard, long-life sponge puddings, instant coffee, sugar (500g and 1kg bags), washing up liquid, ladies' deodorant and shampoo

4. Refresh@10 at St. Mary's on Saturday 30th September from 10 am - 12 pm

Our next Refresh@10 coffee morning will be at St. Mary's on Saturday 30th September from 10am–12pm.

Looking forward to seeing you at all, or some, of these events.

With love and prayers,
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