

## WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR, ALEX – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Hoping you're all well.

Following a wonderful set of Christmas services and events across both churches, January has also started well in the parish. This week we had 65 (yes!!) toddlers (plus 25 adults) on one of the days at Little Roots - our numbers of little ones are often in the thirties or even forties currently, but on Wednesday it seems the cold weather brought a whole lot of extra people. It was a wonderful morning!

I attach the term dates again, in case anyone missed them earlier in January.

In this email, I would like to draw your attention to 3 dates this coming week and also to our upcoming Lent course.

### **This week:**

On Wednesday (24th January), from 2-4 pm at St. Paul's we have our first Food Bank collection of 2024. Please do come and support this if you can. This time around, the Epsom and Ewell Food Bank are particularly looking for the following items: Jars of cooking sauce, tinned vegetables, tinned beans with meat, jam, Long-life juice, instant mash, powdered milk, sugar (500g bags), cereal bars, shampoo / conditioner, Long-life sponge puddings, deodorant, loo rolls, adult toothpaste and brushes, nappies 6+

On Saturday (27th January), from 10 am - 12 pm, at St. Mary's it will be the Refresh@10 coffee morning. Please do come along and enjoy fellowship & refreshments with friends.

On Sunday (28th January), at 10 am, we will be having a Whole Parish Communion Service at St. Mary's.

### **This Year's Lent Course**

On Wednesday evenings from the 21st February to the 27th March, David Packham will be running a Lent Course based on Tom Wright's 'Lent and Easter'. You do not have to buy the book to do the course (as David is preparing notes) but may wish to for extra interest. The venue for this is TBC, according to how many people sign up. Please do contact David: [Curate@norkwithburghheath.com](mailto:Curate@norkwithburghheath.com) for further information and to express your interest.

Love and prayers,  
Alex

**Rev Alex Stevens**  
Vicar  
Parish of Nork with Burgh Heath  
07312 113019

*The PCC of the Parish of Nork with Burgh Heath is a Registered UK Charity No 1180563*