

Coffee Morning - Next Saturday 14th August, 10.00am to 12 noon.

Our next planned social event will be a coffee morning in the Centenary Centre next Saturday from 10am - 12 noon. This will be a relaxed occasion with refreshments and bring & buy, bric-a-brac, and second-hand book stalls. All are welcome, including friends and family. If you have anything that you could donate, please bring it along during the morning or have a word with one of the churchwardens.

As J-Team (Sunday School) propose starting up again on Sunday 12th September all funds taken at the event will be made available for the volunteer Team Leaders to purchase new materials such as felt-tip pens, glue, coloured paper, etc.

Vintage Tea Party

Our very sincere thanks to Hilary and Mike Nation on behalf of everyone who attended their Vintage Tea Party last Sunday. It was a lovely relaxing afternoon with wonderful homemade refreshments and good company, even the odd shower or two didn't deter people from sitting outside, tucked under awnings or umbrellas in their delightful garden. To top it all a donation of £300 has been given to the church to help boost our depleted funds. Thank you all for your generous contributions.



Our Hosts, Mike and Hilary with some of their lovely cakes

On Wednesday 11th August at 2pm we will be clearing the old tree area of weeds.

If you can, please come along with tools and gloves to help with this task. It is amazing how quickly the weeds grow! Refreshments will be provided as an incentive!

The glass container for receiving milk bottle tops has now been returned to the back of the church. These are collected to help raise money for The Chestnut Tree Hospice for Children. We are also collecting used stamps in the box provided to be given to Oxfam

Singing - For the first time since the pandemic began, last Sunday there was congregational singing with the hymns and the mass setting. Thank you to our choir for all they have done, and continue to do, to enrich our worship.

Contactless Giving Unit

A booster to the Wi-Fi facility has recently been installed in the church to ensure the contactless unit is working at all times.

We were delighted to see attendees at the Summer Fair taking advantage of the facility. Having run out of cash individuals were purchasing vouchers through the unit for their BBQ lunch, cream teas, and the various games available

At last Saturday's Archdeacon's Swearing in of Churchwardens the unit was put to good use as several visitors to the church kindly made donations as they were leaving.

Archdeacon's Visitation and Swearing in of Churchwardens

Jill and Geraldine would like to express a sincere thank you to everyone who supported them on this special occasion, whether by putting out tables and chairs, donating delicious finger bites, providing floral displays, providing waitress service and tidying away afterwards. We felt so proud of the welcome shown by our volunteers who welcomed so many visitors for afternoon tea. The Archdeacon, Father Luke, expressed his sincere appreciation at the way the whole event unfolded, and for the support and hospitality shown to the visiting churchwardens and their priests and families.

Face-coverings - The wearing of face-coverings within churches is no longer required by law. For some people, especially those who were exempt from the former legal requirement to wear a mask, it is not practicable to wear a mask. For others, however, we'd encourage you to wear a mask particularly when the church is busy (e.g. at the Sunday Mass) or when moving about the church. When deciding whether to wear a mask, please do be mindful of those who might be especially vulnerable to the virus or who might otherwise be anxious about coming to church.

Social distancing, etc. - We'd ask you to continue to observe social distancing and to sanitize your hands when coming into church. Please note that Holy Communion will continue to be administered in one form only. The sign of peace may be given verbally to your neighbour whilst standing by your seat but please do not move towards neighbours.

A Prayer

Creator God, bless all who provide us with our needs.

We pray for the farmers and the fishermen of our world,
especially in areas where crops have failed.

For all who have suffered through storms and disasters.

We remember all who transport food and all who sell it in shops.

Lord, you open your hands and you meet our needs. Amen

The church continues to be open for private prayer and reflection on
Wednesdays from 10am - 4pm.:

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