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Weekly Newsletter 10th September

10am Parish Eucharist Celebrant Fr. Martyn Hawkes 12, 637, 249, (622), 408

The Harvest children's choir begins today after church at 11.30. Please pray for this connection to the wider community.

It's good to welcome Clare, our shared children and families coordinator to church today. Clare will be around after the service to discuss plans for the upcoming Messy Church on Saturday 23rd September. Do join the discussion in the hall after the service.

2-5pm Cream Teas Funds raised will go to Helping Hands in Balaam St.

This Week

Evening Prayer 5pm Monday to Thursday on Zoom & in church No evening prayer on Friday

Tuesday 12th September 10-12 Open Church

7-7.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. A time of stillness and silence in church 7.45pm PCC Meeting

Wednesday 13th September

9.30am Prayer Group11am Holy Communion12 noon The Preschool Play Group3.30 After School club returns

Thursday

10:00 - 11:45 am Open Church 10:15 - 11:15 am Tai Chi in church 11:45am – 1pm. Meditation and Reflection in church 1 - 2.15pm Yoga class in church.

Items for weekly notices need to submitted by Thursday evening. (sarabertrand47@gmail.com)

Saturday 16th September

7.30pm A Journey into the world of Guitar with Peter Black. Virtuoso Guitar concert with special guest: Fr Martyn. It's going to be great & all profits will support our fabulous organ, in need of some love & fairly costly repair. Online ticket details on poster or sign up on the sheet & pay Fr Martyn.

Next Sunday 17th September

11.45am Sidesperson training Rachel will be running a refresher session for sidespersons in church. Any members of the congregation interested in joining this rota but would like to see what the role involves are also welcome to attend. No experience is required!

Tuesday 19th September 10:30 - 11:30 am Bereavement Cafe for those experiencing loss at Christ Church Wanstead.

Saturday 23rd September Messy Church Harvest

2pm – 4pm. We will be inviting all ages to celebrate Messy Harvest with us! You are all welcome to attend & bring guests and, of course, to volunteer to on the day.

Saturday 23rd September

7.30pm. Redbridge Brass, Showtime, with guest singers. Ticket details on poster.

Saturday 30th September

7pm. All Saints Chorus & Orchestra – Vivaldi Gloria, works of Bach, Franck, Faure & more. Ticket details on poster or call 07541 966720. Early booking advised.

Foodbank Update

It's felt hard to find some good news lately amid the problems with collapsing public buildings, councils declaring themselves bankrupt & fires &floods around the world. We are eternally grateful for the generosity of those who continue to donate to the local foodbanks. Last year the Trussell Trust alone gave out a record 3 million food parcels. Help us to bring good news to the many people locally who rely on this support each week. Thank you. Helen and the team.

Parish Magazine

Thank you for all the help in distributing the magazine - just the last few roads now to complete this week.

Creationtide

The theme of care for creation is at the forefront of this season .Please take home the flier outlining the special events taking place. If you know someone with a pet, do take a flier for the pet blessing on the flats on 1st October and invite them to come along with you.

From Saturday 9th September

Gigi and Henry will be opening the church 12 - 1pm every Saturday in term-time, playing the organ and inviting people to stay, listen, talk, pray. There will also be an opportunity to donate to support the organ fund. All are welcome!

Amelia

As you know, Amelia will be moving to Bristol at the end of the month. There will be an opportunity to say a final farewell at church on Sunday 24th September at our Patronal Festival. followed by a lunch that Amelia has insisted on providing. She will be missed in many ways, but her role as Pastoral Assistant has been a particular gift to us all. The pastoral team has been joined by Henry, who alongside Fr Martyn, Anne Dixon and Dotsy Horsford will continue to offer care to the parish.

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:

Aliandra Adelin, Eva and Peter Baker, Frances Bonnick, Kevin Brown, Elwin Cockett, Joyce Demetriou, Peter Ellis, Margaret Filer, Eileen Galer, Martin Griffiths, Kelly Harmsworth, Sylvia Hawkes, Faye Jackman, Jack Lewis, Milosh, John Mitchell, Mary Watts & those on the Prayer Board

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sue Harry, Robert Collings