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Weekly Newsletter 17th September

10am Parish Eucharist *Celebrant* Fr. Martyn Hawkes 565, 580, 205, (590) 573

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

Today - 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!

This Week

Evening Prayer

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

Tuesday

10-12 Open Church

Tuesday 19th September

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

Wednesday

9.30am Prayer Group 11am Holy Communion 12 noon The Preschool Play Group 3.30 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 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.

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.

Harvest Flowers

Come and celebrate Harvest on the 30th September from 10am. We are bringing flowers and making a display ready for Harvest Sunday. Everyone can make a beautiful contribution and help. Please come along and join us bringing bright coloured flowers to celebrate. All welcome.

Saturday Open Church

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 is 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, 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.

Cream Teas

Thank you to everyone who helped at the cream teas preparing, setting up, serving and buying tickets and supporting. Everyone enjoyed themselves and shared what a lovely event it was, Thanks to your contributions we raised £568 for Helping Hands Balaam St. Thank you to Peter and Carol who came from Helping Hands to join us and Glyn and Rachel for the beautiful music.

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:

Roy Plumbley, Emily Starling, Vera Wright, John Dixon, Hilda Mutter