WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR, ALEX – 15th July 2021

Dear Church Family Members and Parish Friends,

Hoping you are all well.

This week's news email contains information on the following:

- 1. The booking links for this week's services (Sunday 18th July)
- 2. Our Joint Parish Service at 10 am, on Zoom, on Sunday 25th July
- 3. An update on Sue Sanderson & the Sanderson family
- 4. Our next food bank collection
- 5. The Banstead 5 Pantomime
- 6. The YouTube link for last week's sermon

Love and prayers, Alex

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1. <u>The booking links for this week's services (Sunday 18th July)</u>

To book to attend the 9 am service at St. Paul's on Sunday 18th July, please use this link: <u>https://forms.gle/ekVbBwHDVoLcpyJ98</u>

To book to attend the 11 am service at St. Mary's on Sunday 18th July, please use this link: <u>https://forms.gle/VGgRtc1GKDVkGdpi6</u>

Both services will also be Zoomed - and the Zoom links and information will be sent out on Saturday.

2. Our Joint Parish Service at 10 am, on Zoom, on Sunday 25th July

On Sunday 25th July, we will be having our next joint Service, via Zoom at 10 am. The Zoom link and information will be sent out on Saturday 24th, but please make a note not to turn up to the churches at the usual times that weekend! It will be wonderful to be all together again, and make use of break-out rooms for catching up on news after the service.

3. <u>An update on Sue Sanderson & the Sanderson family</u>

The Sanderson family send thanks to everyone who has supported them so well during Sue's long and difficult illness over the last few years.

David says they have really felt the love of the church family - and have been so grateful for all the prayers they know we have been offering, particularly during these last couple of weeks.

Sue died peacefully in her sleep last night.

David, Lucy and Jack are bearing up well under the very difficult circumstances.

Please do continue to hold them in prayer.

4. <u>Our next food bank collection</u>

Our next food bank collection will be on Wednesday 28th July, from 2-4 pm outside St. Paul's.

Items which the food bank are particularly collecting at the moment are: bags for life, powdered milk, custard, instant mash, UHT milk, coffee, long life fruit juice, hot chocolate, honey, treats and snacks for children, tinned vegetables, tinned sweetcorn, tinned meat (meatballs, burgers, ham, hotdogs etc), pasta sauce, tinned soup, biscuits, noodles (super noodles, pot noodles, straight to wok noodles), tinned tuna, shampoo, shower gel, hair conditioner, adult toothpaste, washing up liquid

5. <u>The Banstead 5 Pantomime</u>

The Banstead Five are delighted to be able to put on a Pantomime this coming spring and have sent a notice about the auditions for this:

Auditions for **Jack and the Beanstalk**, the Pilgrim Pantomime Company's 2022 panto will be held at the United Reformed church, Woodmansterne Lane on Wednesday 21st and Wednesday 28th July at 7.30pm. Year 4 to Year 13 and adults - all are welcome - actors, dancers, backstage, make-up and helpers. Please let us know you are coming by emailing Jen at <u>pilgrimpanto.banstead@gmail.com</u> but do be there! No experience necessary – fun guaranteed. Your Panto needs you! We will of course be COVID compliant.

6. <u>The YouTube link for last week's sermon</u>

Last week we began our new sermon series on 'The Five Marks of Mission'.

Dave Wharton launched this by talking about Jesus' great commission in a super sermon, which can be found on this link: <u>https://youtu.be/KeHdan-9idc</u>

(Thank you Dave!)

Love and prayers, Alex

Rev Alex Stevens Vicar Parish of Nork with Burgh Heath

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