

## WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR, ALEX – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Church Family,

Hoping you're all well.

This email contains information on key dates in the parish over the next two weeks (flyers are attached to each):

**1. Soaking Prayer (Sunday 14th May, at 4pm at St. Mary's)**

This Sunday Soaking Prayer will be returning, led by Miriam Oakley. Do come and join us at 4pm for an hour of prayer, soaking in the presence of God.

**2. Christian Aid Frugal Lunch (Monday 15th May, at 12.30pm at St. Paul's)**

On Monday 15th May (the beginning of Christian Aid week) at 12.30 pm at St. Paul's, Deirdre Jackson and Morna Moore will be running a 'Frugal Lunch' where we will have the opportunity to be fed and to make a contribution to Christian Aid. The lunch will be bread, cheese and soup. It will start with a simple communion and prayers for Christian Aid.

**3. Foodbank Collection (Wednesday 17th May, from 2-4 pm outside St. Paul's)**

On Wednesday 17th May we'll have our next food bank collection, which will be from 2-4 pm outside St. Paul's. Items the Epsom and Ewell Food Bank are currently most wanting are:

Cereal (not Weetabix or porridge), tinned vegetables, tinned sweetcorn, baked beans, tinned fruit, custard, squash, sugar, sponge puddings, ketchup, brown sauce, mayo, chocolate spread, powdered milk, toothbrushes for adults, nappies size 5+, 6 and 6+, loo rolls

**4. Rhian Davies and Friends, OPERA CONCERT (Thursday 18th May at 7.30 pm at St. Paul's)**

On Thursday 18th May, Rhian Davies and some of her friends will be giving an Opera Concert at St. Paul's, at 7.30 pm.

Tickets will cost £20 for adults and £15 for concessions. They can be booked on the following link (and there is a small booking fee for this also): <https://www.allboardopera.com/voyage>

If you would have difficulty with these costs due to financial hardship, but would like to attend the concert, there will be a way for you to join in. (Please have a chat with me in the first instance and I will explain what to do). Children are welcome at this concert and under 10s can attend free.

If purchasing tickets on the internet is tricky, there are other options - please ask and I will put you in contact with someone to help with this.

All profits from the concert will be shared between the parish and the Opera Company.

Looking forward to seeing you at these events.

Love and prayers

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