

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR, ALEX – 14TH APRIL 2025

Dear Church Family & Friends,

Hoping you're well and looking forward to seeing those who can make it at our APCM this evening at 7.30 pm at St. Paul's (please see the separate email sent out on Monday for further information).

This news email contains information on dates coming up in the next few weeks and also a questionnaire asking you to consider whether there are any areas of interest you may be happy to support the parish with (practically) during the vacancy.

Dates coming up:

This week is Christian Aid week: And we are collecting for Christian Aid (in envelopes available in both churches for the next few weeks, finishing on Sunday 1st June). Please do take an envelope or fill an ordinary envelope marked 'for Christian Aid' and return these to the churches or give them to Deirdre Jackson or Michelle for collecting together and sending off to Christian Aid.

Wednesday 21st May, 2-4 pm, FOODBANK collection at St. Paul's. For information on what the Epsom and Ewell Food Bank are especially collecting this time, please see the following link: <https://epsomewell.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Saturday 24th May, 10 am - 12 pm, REFRESH@10 at St. Mary's. Please do come along to this delightful coffee morning and enjoy fellowship and fun with one another.

Sunday 25th May, 10 am: Alex & Michael's farewell service for all ages (including children), followed by a shared lunch at 12 pm. Please do join us for this if you're able to do so, we love every one of you very much and would love to be able to spend the time with you.

Tuesday 10th June, 7.30 pm: Alex's Licensing at Ruxley Church. Some of you have very generously said you will come to this and we would be delighted to see anyone who would like to come and join in. All are welcome. Attached is an invitation from Paulette Withycombe, Church Warden at Ruxley Church. Please could you let me know if you're able to come (it would be lovely to know!) and also send her an email (which is on the attached invitation) to let her know you plan to come also.

Saturday 21st June, 10 am -12 pm: Parish Plant Sale at St. Paul's. Please do be growing plants and also come to this wonderful social opportunity (tea, coffee and cake will be sold also!) which is being organised by Deirdre, Morna and Theresa.

Can you support in an extra way during the Vacancy?

By clicking on the following link, you will access a form which gives the opportunity to express an interest in supporting in areas of ministry during the vacancy, where a bit more help would be really appreciated.

The form automatically collates all the responses into one list so it can easily be accessed and followed up by the leadership team.

Please do add your name - otherwise they will not be able to tell who is responding.

<https://forms.gle/QRQJFdLZbD9FaiJVA>

Thank you so much

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