

The Parish of St Mary & St Paul



Sunday 22nd November 2020 - Christ the King

Dear Friends,

You will know that the current lockdown situation has meant that once again our churches are not able to put on services for people to attend, however we are able to start zoom services once again.

So over the next two weeks - or until lockdown ends - we will have a number of opportunities to gather for zoom worship. The highlight of this time will be our celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the consecration of Saint Paul's when we will welcome Archdeacon Jane as our guest preacher.

This Sunday 22nd November, Christ the King, we will zoom the special anniversary service with the Archdeacon and others from St Paul's at 9.30am.

Zoom Worship Topic: 9.30am Parish Eucharist from St Paul's - 60th Anniversary Service Time: Nov 22, 2020 09:30 AM Universal Time UTC Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81353681205?pwd=NG9ES3cwYUV3NzV6Y1VuV3BnV3lnZz09</u> Meeting ID: 813 5368 1205 Passcode: 909692

I'm very hopeful that in December we will return to regular worship once again and might even get the opportunity to celebrate Christmas in a more traditional fashion.

With my prayers and best wishes,

John

The Revd Canon John Williams Team Rector in the Hemel Hempstead Team Ministry

Pastoral Group

This parish group meets monthly on Zoom to review the sick and bereaved list, it also raises concerns about those in need and on the margins. If you would like anyone added to the list or have concerns that someone has not returned to church post-Covid, and may have been overlooked, then email the group's secretary at: jenny.bowes27@gmail.com with 'Pastoral Group' in the subject.

We also have some funding available to help those who are in need so do send us details of anyone you know who might benefit from some practical help with food, clothing or things for their children.

The Annual Parish Christmas Fair

This is an important event in our fundraising calendar but cannot take place in the current situation so we are organising a major fund raiser for the Parish of St Mary and St Paul in the form of the 'Grand Zoom Draw'. A flyer has been circulated to the usual email list and there are some printed copies available in church for those not on the email list and for parishioners to take for friends and family.

There are 1,000 draw tickets to buy. If we were to sell all the tickets we would gross £1,000. If all the prizes are donated there will be no prize costs. A donation will cover the cost of printing the draw tickets.

The current situation is that 535 draw tickets have been paid for and another 240 tickets are out with people and I'm waiting for cash and counterfoils from them, so there is a long way to go yet to get closer to the record sale of 940 several years ago.

We have been having a good response to the invitation to donate prizes, 18 of the 20 already having been covered. This leaves us to find the following: Lindt Chocolates, Shortcake.

Should anybody who is uncomfortable with buying draw tickets wish to help cover part of the losses from not having the annual Parish Fair, please contact Gordon or Rosina Gaddes.

Any prizes not covered by donation will be purchased from the Draw ticket income.

One of the major prizes in the Zoom Draw is the **St Mary's Hamper**. All items for the Hamper have now been kindly accounted for and can be brought to St Mary's where they will be kept securely. The wicker hamper has been generously donated this year by Brian Crawley.

Contacts for all aspects of the Grand Zoom Draw:-St Paul's : <u>gordon.gaddes@btinternet.com</u> 01442 257920 St Mary's: <u>emlambert20@gmail.com</u> 01442 268705

New Parish Web Site launched

Our new website that Brian Crawley has been working hard on for several months has now been launched:

https://stmaryandstpaulhemel.org.uk/

Brian would welcome any feedback to:

media@stmaryandstpaulhemel.org.uk

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Payments: Cheques should be made payable to "St Mary and St Paul PCC".

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