

OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that the Parish office is closed during the school holidays.

REFRESHMENTS

We will be holding our monthly refreshments after the 11.30 mass this Sunday. Do pop in, even for a short while. Eater is a particularly good time to celebrate in addition to our church worship

U.K. General Election 2015
Harpenden Churches are pleased to host a
Hustings
Your views - Your Voice - Your Vote!
Come and Quiz the Candidates
All welcome - admission free
Monday 20 April
7.30-9.00 pm
at High Street
Methodist Church,
Harpenden
All declared candidates have been invited
All questions need to be submitted in advance to:
Rev Harry Turner
Email: revmonsignorhturner@rcdow.org.uk
(Leader of Harpenden Churches)
Show Up

YOUR VOTE !

As Christians we have a responsibility for our society and our country. This is expressed very much in our taking an active part in the election coming in a few weeks time.

On 20th April at High Street Methodist Church at 7.30pm, you have the opportunity to hear what the local candidates in the election have to say about what they stand for and what are their principles.

Please think about what YOUR question to the parties would be. And let Mgr. Turner have that question to present to the candidates.

ST GEORGE'S SUNDAY LUNCH

Great opportunity - 26th April at Lourdes Hall - 12.30 for 1 pm). Tickets will be

on sale after all the Masses this weekend. We will offer a traditional 3 course lunch for £15 for adults, £7.50 for primary school pupils and £50 for a family ticket (no pre-schoolers please).

Bring your own drinks – glasses provided. Proceeds will be shared between the Developing World Group and drainage repairs to the undercroft. Whether you want one ticket or a table for 10, you will be **WARMLY** welcomed.



ALTAR SERVERS

There have been times lately that at Sunday Mass there has been no altar server. Really, with the numbers who come to our Church we shouldn't be in this situation. There are 76 children in the First Holy Communion class. We are hoping that from them we will have a big number of new recruits after they receive their First Holy Communion. Serving at Mass is a serious commitment and needs careful thought. We will be taking applications after the First Communion.

SOLITUDE SATURDAY

The next Solitude Saturday will be April 25th from 8am to 4pm. St. Clare's Convent, 3 Abigail Close, Luton. 01582 424518.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Having reached the age of 100, one of our parishioners died just recently. Please remember PAZ COLMENA and her family in your prayers.

HELP!

We had an appeal from a disabled lady in one of our care homes. She needed someone, perhaps a family with a child, to attend to her budgies once a week. Many thanks to the family that has kindly responded to this need.

THANKSGIVING FOR MATRIMONY

Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be inviting to Westminster Cathedral, on Saturday 23rd May 2015 at 3pm. all couples in the diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2015. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Mgr. Turner your details and he will make sure you receive your invitation.

WORLD YOUTH DAY KRAKOW 18-31st July 2016

Mission week in Lodz with Chemin Neuf and living with a Polish family, World Youth Day with the largest youth gathering in the world. Only £750. Book your place soon. For more information email: youth@rcdow.org.uk.

FOR THE LOVE OF CHOCOLATE

Are you going to indulge in Easter chocolate this year? Ever wonder where it first came from? We have the Aztecs of equatorial Central America to thank: it was they who discovered that a certain tree, later named Theobroma Cacao, was well worth cultivating. The Aztecs considered chocolate the 'drink of the gods' (Theo means God, broma means drink; hence the name). The Aztecs credited chocolate for everything from spiritual wisdom to sexual prowess; Emperor Montezuma is reported to have drunk more than 50 flagons of the stuff each day.

The Spanish explorer Cortes also called it 'the divine drink', and the conquistadors brought chocolate back to Spain. From there it travelled north, and reached England about 1849. It was first served as a drink, until during the Industrial Revolution it caught the attention of several leading Quaker families, (including the Cadburys, the Frys, the Rowntress and the Terrys. It was the Fry family who created the first 'eating' chocolate... and the rest, as they say, is history. Today the world eats about 600,000 tons a year. Enjoy your Easter egg!