

### **EASTER OFFERINGS**

The collection at all Masses on Easter and the Vigil Mass is your personal donation to the priest. It goes together with Christmas to provide for his personal upkeep for the year.

### **THIS WEEK**

Each Day this week, Monday to Saturday, Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am

### **HELLO & GOODBYE**

Next Friday we bid farewell to Jane Rose, who has been our Office Administrator for the past four years. Jane has been a dedicated and efficient Administrator, who has contributed significantly to the smooth running of the parish. Alongside her efficiency her friendly and helpful manner has been much appreciated by those who came into contact with her. We thank her for what she has done for the parish, and we wish her every happiness in the future.

In Janes place we welcome Ellen Hughesman, who has already begun working in the parish office. We hope she will enjoy working here as much as Jane did!

### **EASTER CROSS**

Churches Together in Harpenden will be placing an Easter Cross, during Holy Week, on the green near the War Memorial. You are invited

to place flowers on the cross on Easter Sunday morning to celebrate Christ's Resurrection.

### **LENTEN ALMS**

It is a tradition in the Church to donate what we save through self-denial to Lenten Alms. This year the Cardinal has asked that the Lenten Alms collection be directed to the Cardinal's Appeal fund. The funds raised will go to serve the evangelisation of youth, to develop marriage and family life projects, and to provide service in society, especially to those on the margins. Please take a leaflet, read and pray about this. Envelopes are available at the back of church today – you can make a Lenten Gift by placing your offering in the designated box near Our Lady's Altar, or by using one of the envelopes, and returning it to the Parish Office.

### **EASTER CARDS AND BOOKS**

The Repository now has a number of Easter cards together with a selection of children's reading and activity books specifically for Easter. These will help children understand this important feast. Come and have a look

### **PARISH OFFICE**

This coming week the Parish Office will be open Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm.

### **CARING FOR THE HOMELESS**

From time to time on the street, or in church as has been happening recently, you may be asked to give money to someone who is homeless, or hungry. Although well intentioned it is, usually, not advisable to give any money. If it is possible it is more helpful to offer some food, such as a sandwich.

### **EAST AFRICA APPEAL**

Many thanks once again for your support for the East Africa Appeal. Contributions have continued to come in, and not stand at £2,644.36. We will shortly be sending this off to CAFOD and are very grateful for your generosity.

### **COME AND SEE**

Men wanting to know more about the permanent diaconate are invited to come to a two hour meeting at Ealing Abbey Parish Centre, Charlbury Grove, W5 2DY on Saturday 29th April from 10am to noon. No booking needed. Wives welcome. Contact details Deacon Adrian Cullen 07961 594725 or Deacon Anthony Clark 07545 373548.

### **THE HAVEN**

More and more of today's teenagers are going through life-effecting anxiety issues. 11.5% or about 510,000 young people aged between 11-16 years have a mental disorder

So, as part of our remit to resource youth work in the local church, *the267project* is launching a monthly support group for those young people who are struggling with stress and anxiety. The Haven will be a safe space for those young people (12+) who need a place to be honest about what they are going through, learn practical tools to help them manage and reduce their anxiety levels and discover that they are not alone. In Harpenden we are launching The Haven at High Street Methodist (High Street, AL5 2RU) and the group will run 4.30pm - 6pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month in term-time, starting May 11th. For your information we are also launching in St Albans at St Paul's, (Blandford Rd, AL1 4JP) and that group will run 4.30pm - 6pm on the 1st Thursday of each month in term-time, starting May 4<sup>th</sup>

### **GOLF DAY**

A charity golf day in support of the Haven is being organised. This will take place at Porters Park Golf Club on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017. For further details please contact [karen.day@ubs.com](mailto:karen.day@ubs.com).