

THANK YOU

In addition to thanking everyone who assisted with the Holy Week and Easter celebrations, Canon Anthony would like to thank you very much for the offertory on Easter Sunday which, as you know is one of two occasions during the year, which benefits the priest directly.

Together, with Bishop John he is also most grateful for the greetings, and other gifts, received.

OPENING HOURS

Starting this coming week the opening hours of the parish office will be changing slightly. The office will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The funeral takes place this week of the late Nichola Stringer. Her body will be received into church at 6.30pm on Tuesday evening, and the Funeral Mass takes place on Wednesday at 12 noon. Please pray for the happy repose of Nichola's soul, and for the comfort of her family. *Because of the funeral there is no 9.15am Mass on Wednesday morning.*

WALK IN THE PARK

The bluebells are stunning this year so you are most welcome to join a

group of parish walkers on Wednesday 3rd May at 10am outside Our Lady of Lourdes Church for an hour's walk in Rothamsted Park to see some. There is delicious coffee after in a nearby cafe and if the weather is bad, it's straight for coffee! Look out for further walks held first Wednesday of every month.

SISTERS OF ST CLARE

The next Solitude Saturday will be held on 29th April at St. Clare's Convent, 3 Abigail Close, Luton LU3 1ND. Tel 01582 424518.

The day begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 10am and ends at 3pm.

NILAND CENTRE

Mindfulness in the Christian Tradition with Fr Malachy Keegan. Wednesday, 26 April (10.00-3.00). How does it differ from secular mindfulness? What is its place in our life of faith and prayer? Suggested donation £14 please bring a packed lunch. (Part II Wed. 24 May).

The Daily Call to Truth with Sr Regina McGarry OP & Sr Teresa O'Donovan OP. A necessary virtue today, especially in the election of new national leadership. Wednesday, 10 May (10.00-12.30).

Suggested donation £6.
Venue: Niland Centre at Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey

Heath WD23 4EE. For information 020 8950 4000 or www.nilandconferencecentre.co.uk.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Jump! Primary Schools Team is currently working in four primary schools and has recently been contacted by a fifth requesting our involvement in delivering RE lessons. We cannot commit to taking on another school without more volunteers, as the few we have are already at capacity. I am looking for at least 3 volunteers who can give at least 2 sessions (usually 1-3.30pm) per month, days flexible to suit you, to enable us to take on this new school. For further information please email Natalie at [jumharpenden@gmail.com](mailto:jumpharpenden@gmail.com) or phone 622862 or 07985 960703.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE & THANKSGIVING

For the lives of loved ones will be held at St Albans Cathedral on Sunday 7th May. Service at 3pm followed by release of doves at 4.15pm. All are welcome (including bereaved children). No tickets required.

THE HAVEN

More and more of today's teenagers are going through life-affecting 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 4th

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 7th June 2017. For further details please contact karen.day@ubs.com.