

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy Group has an important role in our Church community, offering instruction and activity to the younger members of our parish on a Sunday as part of the 9.45am Mass. There are 2 groups, younger, aged 5-7/8 and older, 7/8-10. You can take part in this valuable work. It is not too onerous, with each team usually helping with a group twice a term. You would be placed in a team of experienced Catechists and lots of support is available. Give it a try, especially if you have children who will attend, please get in touch with **Jane Hyman** jane.hyman11@gmail.com

SEA SUNDAY

Thank you for supporting last weekend's second collection in aid of the Apostleship of the Sea. As a parish we donated £602.55. Thank you for your generosity.

SONGS OF PRAISE

This **Sunday 17th July @ 4pm**, the Salvation Army will lead the joint Churches Together Service. This will be held on the green adjacent to the Waitrose car park entrance (weather permitting). The service will be supported by the Salvation Army Band, Senior Choir and Junior Choirs. Following the service a Hog Roast, sponsored by Bethany Community Church and the Salvations Army, will be provided. Cold drinks will also be provided. Please bring picnic blankets to sit on. (Tea and Coffee will be served if the event is moved indoors.)

CHORISTERS

The new choir term starts on Sunday 4th September (11.30am Mass) and then Thursday 8th September rehearsal 7-8pm Children from Year 4 to Year 13 are welcome to come and try a rehearsal or Mass prior to joining the choir. Please contact Katie Metcalfe if your child would like to come and sing at the start of September on either occasion mentioned above.

ADULT CHOIR

Our first rehearsal back will be Thursday 8th September 8.00 - 9.00pm Any adult (soprano, alto, tenor or bass) considering joining the choir is welcome to attend on this day. Please contact Katie Metcalfe in advance.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Sunday 18th September. Coach leaving at 7.50am from Harpenden – Outside 'Chef Peking' Restaurant 5, Church Green Harpenden AL5 2TP. For further details contact Maria 01582 624024 or Emanuela 01582 655246 / www.prolifepilgrimage.org

LA ALEGRÍA DEL AMOR New Group

Estais todos invitados a la lectura en común de Amoris Laetitia en español, para reflexionar sobre el amor en la familia y en el matrimonio siguiendo las palabras del Papa Francisco. Reuniones semanales ó quincenales a partir to Septiembre. ¡Anímate!
Tel. 01582 768829 or 07832 934357.

PARISHIONER TREK

Patrick McGuinness will be spending his summer holidays trekking from John O'Groats to Land's End. Making the c. 1,220 mile trip on his own, hopefully in just 39 days for two very worthy charitable causes – namely, the Macmillan Nurses and Amy's Retreat. He would be extremely grateful for any donations and supportive wishes from families in our Parish community. Please see link to his JustGiving team page where donations can be made to either or both causes:
www.justgiving.com/teams/Patrick2016JoGLE

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS

Confirmation photographs are now available to collect from the back of the church (on the table just outside the little shop). Please take your photo this weekend.

SPONSORED BIKE 'N HIKE

This annual event in aid of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust, takes place this year on Saturday 10th September between 10am and 6pm. So walkers and cyclists please note this date in your diary. Sponsor forms and lists of visitable Churches will be available from the Parish Office at the end of August.

PARISH GOLF DAY & DINNER

Parish Golf Day and Dinner Friday 22nd July
Numbers are growing with parishioners and friends who don't want to miss this excellent golf day or just join the

evening dinner party. Don't miss it; sign up now, the lists are in the vestibule of the church.

CHARITY EVENING

Alison Langer and Lawrence Thackeray will join Susanna Stranders for an opera recital and presentation about Susanna's career path into opera, on Saturday 3rd September, 7.30 pm at Chidell Hall, Aldwickbury School, in aid of The Children's Society. Tickets £17.50 to include an interval drink, from 01582 767836, 766824, and harpendenchildrensociety@hotmail.com

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

The Special Needs Mass will take place on **SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER** at ST DOMINIC PRIMARY SCHOOL at 2.30pm FOR MASS AT 3.00pm. The mass will be followed by a tea party/picnic. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Catriona Bartley if you are coming on the day or are able to help on 07505 491293 or tinesweeney@hotmail.com. Thank you.

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

Parishioners donated £107.42 in cash between 7th June-14th July as well as £313 in standing orders over calendar June. In addition, plants left over from the 18th June DWG Plant Sale raised a further £35 (leading to overall proceeds of £1,407.25). Full details of the group's current 'clean water' project in Uganda can be found on the parish website, under 'Other Groups'.