

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Instead of our usual monthly 'Walk in the Park', now it is the summer holidays, we would like to invite all adults and children who would like to come to a 'Picnic in the Park'! Meet in the rose/wildflower garden at the entrance to Rothamsted Park on Tuesday 2nd August at 12 noon and bring your own picnic. Do come and share a summer's afternoon in our lovely park with fellow parishioners. Everybody welcome!

Our usual 'Walk in the Park' will resume on Wednesday 7th September starting at 10.00am outside Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Enjoy an hours walk followed by a coffee!

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.

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

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 amore 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.

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.

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

STRAWBERRY TEAS

The DWG would like to express their sincere thanks to Liz Bradley and all those who helped and attended this recent, delightful event. The magnificent sum of £500 was raised and will be used to benefit those less fortunate than ourselves. Many thanks again for your generous and continuing support.

CHARITY EVENING

Alison Langer and Lawrence Thackeray will join Susanna Strandars 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.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

We are a family of four parishioners, (two adults, a four year old and a baby), seeking a two-three bed house/flat to rent from September for six months. We have a budget of up to £1450 pcm. If anyone has anything available or knows of a property we'd be very grateful. My contact details are Mary Benson 07764 817309
mlbhamilton@gmail.com

CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

For Doctors, Nurses and all Health Carers

Are still looking for Catholic carers to attend their conference at St Mary's University on 30th July. The subject is Palliative Care in the Year of Mercy. The programme for the day is on the church notice board.