

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Many thanks for the continued support of the recent CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. Further donations have been received, and so the total donated now stands at £2,026.88. A sincere 'thank you' to everyone who has supported this latest Harvest Fast Day.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2018

There will be a parish pilgrimage to Lourdes, to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, from 8th to 12th February. Please collect forms and information, which can be found in a plastic folder at the back of the church. **Please let The Parish office know at the latest this week if you intend to go, hotel rooms are being booked.**

PLANNED GIVING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES RENEWAL

The last envelope in the weekly boxed sets of Offertory envelopes is next week, when new boxes will be available for collection and use from 5th November. There will also be the opportunity for those not in Planned Giving to join either by the use of envelopes or bankers standing order. Gift Aid Declarations will also be available for completion.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary will be prayed in church, Monday to Saturday, after the morning Masses.

REFLECTION ON THE DAILY CALL TO SERVE

Led by Sr. Regina and Monika Cleaver. Monday 30th October, 2.00pm – 3.00pm at the Covent, 18 Kirkdale Road.

OLOL PARISH WALK

Join our group of walkers for an hour's stroll to see and enjoy late Autumn colour in and around Rothamsted Park. Meet on Wednesday 1st November at 10am outside OLOL Church. There is coffee after in a nearby cafe but if weather is bad, it's straight for coffee! Look out for further walks every first Wednesday of the month.

HANSEL & GRETEL OPERA 4th NOVEMBER

Reserved tickets have now reached 70 so please book as soon as possible. This is a professional production which everyone will enjoy. Not reserved a ticket yet? They are now available on line at tinyurl.com/lourdeshall or by emailing denniscooper238@btinternet.com – further details on the developing world group notice board

COFFEE MORNING AND BRING & BUY. The Ladies' Group will be holding this annual event in the undercroft next Tuesday 24th October from 10-12 (or following the 9.15 Mass). Proceeds will go to Open Door. EVERYONE is invited.

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

Since 8 September, parishioners have donated £146.13 via the wooden box, supplemented by a large donation (£250) arising from the Golf Day. In addition, Standing Order figures, which come in

monthly, shows a record £432 receipts in September. The money will go towards medical equipment especially for mothers in childbirth (there are 5-10 deliveries a day) and very young children in Wau South Sudan. The hospital is the St Daniel Comboni Catholic Hospital, which is run by the Comboni Sisters whom we have donated to before. Beneficiaries will include refugees (a third of the population) from the north and, in the absence of a functioning state health service, the poor who often travel from afar for treatment there. Due to exchange rate movements, we have a remaining £1,401 not £1,500 to pay to complete this project. We will relay feedback on the project later. Thank you for all your donations.

CELEBRATE ST ALBANS

Catholic Charismatic weekend Conference, 28th to 29th October. Nicholas Brakspear School, Colney Heath lane, St Albans. Booking as follows: Book online: celebrateconference.org/stalban Tel no. 07875 848138 For further information please see notice board at the back of the church.

ST DOMINIC CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St Dominic Catholic Primary School would like to add to their team of Midday Supervisory Assistants who ensure the safety and welfare of pupils during the lunchtime break. Each lunch session is from 11:50am until 1:05pm and the salary is £7.78 per hour. Flexibility over days can be offered which may suit those who are retired or work part-time. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of

Offenders Act 1974 and subject to an enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure & Barring Service and satisfactory references. For further details and an application pack, please contact the school office on 01582 760047 or email: admin@stdominic.herts.sch.uk Visits to the school are welcome by arrangement.

BOOK THE DATE BARN DANCE 20TH JANUARY 2018

To raise funds for our next project in the developing world

CONCERT SATURDAY 11th NOVEMBER

St John's Church Harpenden at 7.30pm. The Lea Singers perform a colourful choral journey, taking chants and psalms from their original medieval settings to the present day. The highlight for many Catholics will be the beautiful Requiem by Maurice Durufle in which the familiar Gregorian chant melodies of the burial Mass are skillfully assimilated; the choir will perform also the well known Chichester Psalms by Leonard Bernstein, and two shorter contrasting psalm settings – Roxanna Panufnik's Love Endureth and Schutz's Jauchzet dem Herrn. The choir is joined by professional soloists on harp, timpani and organ and by treble and soprano soloists. Tickets are £15 (£7 for under 18s) from Brigid Brennan on 07881 785299, brigid.brennan@virginmedia.com or from Rollings or Stage Door.

