

CONFIRMATION 2018

Preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, for those people in Year 9 or above, will commence in November. Application forms are available from Canon Anthony after Masses throughout September. Completed forms must be returned to the parish office by Sunday 1st October.

MEMORIAL CARDS

Memorial Cards of Cardinal Murphy – O'Connor will be distributed after Masses this weekend. Please collect a card and keep the late Cardinal in your prayers.

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.

LITTLE JOB OPP

There is a little job that has to be done after the 11.30am Mass on Sunday. It takes about half an hour. If you can manage to assist you will only be required once every six weeks. Please contact Canon Dwyer.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Reflection led by Margaret Drummond tomorrow Monday 18th September, 2.00pm – 3.00pm, at the Convent, 18 Kirkdale Road

HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST – SPONSORED BIKERIDE 'N HIKE

Thank you to those who took part and sponsored participants. This Church was visited by 16 walkers or cyclists. Would those who took part please hand the sponsorship money received to the Parish Office by Friday 6th October.

HANSEL & GRETEL OPERA 4th NOVEMBER

Ticket reservations are storming ahead with over 60 reserved so far leaving only 40 left, so if you would like to see the Pop-up Opera Company stage production, do email denniscooper238@btinternet.com to stake your claim.. See the notice on the DWG board or visit <http://popupopera.co.uk/whats-on> for more information. Pop-up Opera are a professional touring company so it promises be a great evening right on your doorstep.

NILAND CONFERENCE CENTRE

The Daily Call to Conversion, Sister Regina McGarry & Monika Cleaver Thursday, 21 September (10.00-12.30) Refreshments served Suggested donation £6 Please ring 0208 950 4000 (see notice on the notice board at the back of the church)

DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP

The DWG sent £2,020 on 1 August to pay for an oxygen concentrator for Tabor Home, a refuge for the sick and dying in Gode, Ethiopia; and have already received a picture of it in action. On 7 September, the group provisionally agreed to fund a new project to provide essential medical equipment for safe deliveries in childbirth to the St Daniel Comboni Catholic Hospital in Wau, South Sudan. This includes nebulisers and kit to monitor the foetus in delivery and patients in the operating room - the International Refugee Trust with whom we often work, is overseeing the project. The first £3,300 of the £5,115 required is scheduled to be provided shortly, upon specific requested information being provided. Turning to finance, since 10 July the DWG has received £1173 from the Parish Golf Day, £119 from the charity car park near Campus West in Welwyn (thanks to a non-DWG parishioner couple), £672 in cash/cheque donations, as well as £401 in standing orders in August. Some £277 of the cash received came from the Green DWG Collection Boxes - if your Green Box is full or if you would like one, please contact Julia Roche on 01582 760295 or at juliaandnigel1057@gmail.com

OPERA SINGER

Alison Langer, opera singer and past member of Our Lady of Lourdes choir. Alison is appearing as the young Heidi in the National Theatre production of 'Follies' (lyrics and music by Stephen Sondheim) until end December. Tickets are available at the NT website, national theatre.org.uk. The show will also be transmitted live on November 16th to various cinemas worldwide, including the Garden City Cinema in Welwyn Garden City. A very good show!

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner from 6th to 8th October 2017 at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 Sandra 01293-783965 or John 01992-642443 email: johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk