



The Church is open every day from 7.00am until 6.30pm (approx) for quiet prayer and contemplation, everyone is welcome.

### FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PHOTOGRAPHS

If you haven't yet picked up your Photographs they are now in the church next to the Repository.



### NEWSLETTERS



In line with preserving the planet, if you would like to receive the weekly newsletter via email, please contact us in the Parish Office, also if you know of anyone who is sick or housebound and unable to attend Mass and they would like to receive the newsletter via email let us know and we can arrange this.

With the holiday season now well and truly upon us, this is the last newsletter until the weekend of the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> September. Don't forget that any items you wish to have included should be sent to the Parish Office no later than lunchtime on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August.

### PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, until Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August.

### MOVING ON!

For the past 15 months it has been good to have Ellen Hughesman as Parish Administrator. Ellen has now decided to move on, and as she does so we thank her for her work in the parish, and we wish her well in the future. In recent months Ellen has shared the role with Melanie Armitage, Melanie will now be the Administrator, and in the office, Monday to Thursday.

### SICK OR HOUSEBOUND?

For those who are sick or housebound the Parish Priest is always happy to bring Holy Communion and, or, to arrange for one of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to do so. If you are unable to attend Mass, or know of someone in that situation, please contact the Parish Office on 01582 712245 to make suitable arrangements.

### CAN YOU HELP?

It's true to say that our church is always clean and well maintained. This is due to the fact that we have a dedicated group of people who ensure that all is well in God's house. Currently we are in need of some more volunteers to help with this important work. It's not particularly time consuming, so if you could help please have a word with Canon Dwyer.



### WALK IN THE PARK

Have you seen the wild flower meadow in Rothamsted Park? Do come for a one hour's walk on Wednesday 1st August and armed with a



chart from the nationwide Big Butterfly Count, we will check out the butterflies! Meet outside Church at 10am and after the walk, enjoy a coffee in a nearby cafe. If weather is bad, it's straight for coffee! Look out for future walks held first Wednesday of every month.

### PARISH GOLF DAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY - RESULTS.

On yet another glorious day, the winner was Dennis Cooper (off net handicap of 19) with 41 points, second with 40 points John O'Brien (off 18 net) and third, guest Roy Mutlow with 37 points. The team prize was won by John O'Brien, Peter Ward and Alan Dodds. The total amount raised for the Developing World Group project was £705. Thanks to all those who took part, attended the evening dinner and donated raffle prizes, all of which helped make it a very enjoyable event.



### GLOBAL HEALING

'Global Healing' is the name of the initiative of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales in response to Pope Francis' call for us all to "heed the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor". They are asking each parish to come together for a common meal, and to watch a film/DVD which shows how 'our faith can help us care for our common home'. The period 1 September to 4 October has been designated 'Creation Time', during which the LiveSimply group hope to organise an event using the resources and information provided by the Bishops

Conference through CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) which will set out practical ways in which we can all help 'to reverse the damage being done to the planet'. So look out for further information when you return from holiday. Laudato Si

### HAIR DONATED TO CHARITY

One of our recent confirmation candidates Eilidh Dunwoodie age 14 has donated 12 inches of her hair to the Little Princess Trust to make a wig for a child with cancer. She is also fundraising for them, Macmillan's and British Heart Foundation ....please help her reach her target and give generously. <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/eilidhdunwoodiehair> you can also read more on <http://www.hertsad.co.uk/news/harp-enden-student-eilidh-dunwoodie-cuts-her-tresses-for-charity-1-5594469>



### CAFOD

#### WILL YOU CONNECT THE POOR WITH THE POWERFUL?

CAFOD is looking for Catholics in this area to share their faith with their MP. Write 3-4 times a year on a topical issue to support those living in poverty around the world. No experience needed as information will be provided. Online or by post. See [www.cafod.org.uk/mpc](http://www.cafod.org.uk/mpc) or contact Tony on 0208-449-6970 or [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk) for further information.

"Love is civic and political, and it makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world." – Pope Francis