

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

The PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR took place on Saturday, the money raised will be split between the Parish Building Fund and Noah Enterprise in Luton. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019

The Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be taking place between Saturday 9th February and Tuesday 12th February 2019. Further information can be found in the church porch, or from Ellen at

ellen@lallyoungman.co.uk

If you are thinking about joining forms and hotel deposits must be in by 6th December so we can confirm the booking with the Hotel.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

This weekend there will be a collection for flowers so that the church can be decorated for the Christmas season. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



ADVENT GROUPS

Advent Reflection and Prayer at The convent, 18 Kirkdale Road, on the three Mondays of Advent at 2pm - 3pm (includes a cup of tea!) Theme for Monday 3rd Dec Longing for Light in the Darkness.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

In the midst of all that remains to be done for Christmas, one important preparation is celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, going to confession. We have the opportunity to do this as a parish on Wednesday 19th December at 7.30pm. Do think about making time to attend, and so using this important opportunity.



PLANNED GIVING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES RENEWAL

Please pop in to the Parish Office if you still need to collect your envelopes.



SVP CHARITY CHRISTMAS TREE

This year's charities are St Albans and Hertsmere Womens' Refuge and Open Door, St Albans. As in previous years, the tree is positioned outside the Repository and is decorated with tags listing items most needed by the two charities. If you would like to support these charities please take a tag and any items purchased can be left under the tree. We would like to deliver the items well before Christmas and therefore would ask that any items be placed under the tree by the weekend of 15th/16th December. Please do not wrap as the charities will need to sort the items once received. Thank you.



ADVENT SERVICE - INCLUDING BRITTEN'S CEREMONY OF CAROLS

This evening at 6pm! We are ringing the changes this year with a performance of the well-known Ceremony of Carols, along with some more traditional pieces, accompanied by a harp. This is a beautiful work and will make a very uplifting start to the Advent season. There will be a gathering for refreshments afterwards in the Undercroft.



WALK IN THE PARK ADVENT SPECIAL

On Wednesday 5 December we will be meeting outside Church as usual at 10am for our next walk/coffee in Rothamsted Park - but this will be a walk with a difference because we will start off with coffee, and end our walk with a festive lunch at Rothamsted Conference Centre. If you're unable to come on the walk itself you would still be very welcome to join us for lunch. We will need to confirm menu choices

in advance, so to book and for further details, please email Sue at martindsue@gmail.com

THANK YOU!

La Tragédie de Carmen 17th Nov was a 'sold out' performance and raised £1300 in support of the DWG project. Thank you to all who supported this very successful evening.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MUSIC IN OUR PARISH DATES FOR YOU DIARY

THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER 7.00PM

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Featuring our church choirs, the choir from St Dominic Primary School, The Bella Mamas and the parish Band. A lively and festive occasion for all the family. There will be a retiring collection for the DWG raising funds for a youth string orchestra in Brazil with further details of this charity given on the evening



SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER 6.00PM

PARISH CAROL SERVICE

A traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols by candlelight.

CATENIANS CHRISTMAS MEAL

Catenian Christmas 12th Dec. Most members are part of the parish family and you are welcome to join this enjoyable purely social event. Three course, optional black tie dinner with wine and entertainment provided by our own Ali & Lawrence, with parish organist Malcolm Scott tinkling the ivories and communal Christmas Carols. It's a fun evening at Harpenden Golf Club and all for £30 per ticket. Do join us by booking your place by emailing john.williams58@btinternet.com or T: 760547



CHRISTMAS IN THE REPOSITORY

Christmas cards, both single and boxes, wrapping paper, contemporary cribs and candles. Come and have a look



LiveSimply: "Pope Francis calls us to be peacemakers - Pax Christi responds" will be the title of the talk by Pat Gaffney on Saturday 19 January, at 11.00 am in the Undercroft, in anticipation of Peace Sunday, the following day. All parishioners will be very welcome! This weekend we are collecting cartons of UHT MILK for the Highfield Oval Foodbank. Please leave your contributions in the porch.

HARPENDEN SPOTLIGHT APPEAL

Donations made to Harpenden Spotlight on Africa's Christmas Appeal can be **doubled** when made through the Big Give website until midday on Tuesday 4th December. The appeal is to help women Healthcare Volunteers generate an income for themselves and their families in Uganda. Donations can be made via the link <https://secure.thebiggive.org.uk/projects/view/30058> or thebiggive.org.uk and search for Spotlight. For more information please see poster on the noticeboard.



TASTE OF BRAZIL ON 10th FEBRUARY:

You are warmly invited to this event led by Katie Metcalfe and friends. Start: 3pm. End (provisional): 5.30-6.00pm. Venue: St Dominic's. Cost: £5 a child or adult, £10 a family. For that there will be two workshops to A/ learn renowned South American songs, and B/ practice Brazilian drumming; a quiz; tasty, light Brazilian snacks - and a finale concert! Proceeds to a Brazilian charity for musical instruments for children in the Brazilian favelas, via our Developing World Group. Book by emailing Julia at juliaandnigel057@gmail.com. Please come.