

ALTAR SERVERS

It was good to be able to celebrate the patron saint of altar servers on St Stephen's Day.



During Mass two servers, who have been serving for a year or more, were enrolled in the Guild of St Stephen; while two, who have been serving for over three years received 'blue' medals, and one who has been serving for over five years received 'gold' medal. Our thanks to all our servers for their contribution to the liturgy throughout the year.

CRIB OFFERINGS

As is customary, offerings made at the crib will be sent to the Catholic Children's



Society. The Society provides mental health services for children struggling with issues such as abuse, neglect and family breakdown. Contributions can be placed in the 'Crib Offering' box close to the crib.

CHRISTIAN UNITY

Harpenden Churches Together have a service at All Saints Church, Station Road at 6.30pm, on Sunday 20th January. Everyone is welcome.

'MY DAY BY DAY'

The January edition of this booklet is now available. It contains daily

scripture readings, and is a useful resource, and inspiration for our prayer and daily living.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK 2019

The Westminster Year book is now on sale in the repository. A very useful directory priced at £4.50.

PLANNED GIVING

OFFERTORY

ENVELOPES

RENEWAL

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



HARPENDEN SPOTLIGHT ON AFRICA QUIZ

Do join us for our annual fun Quiz night on Saturday 19th January in



Lourdes Hall, Southdown Rd, 7 for 7.30 prompt start. Tables of 8. Tickets £15.00 each to include a tasty Godfrey's Fish and Chip Supper. (Your ticket will pay for 100 children's school meals). Raffle and cash Bar. This is a popular event so contact Annette Peacock quiz@hsoa.org.uk or 01582 766364 soon to avoid disappointment.

THE BANISH THE BLUES SUPPER

Will be on Saturday 2nd February in the Lourdes Hall. Tickets for the 3-course meal with



coffee/tea will be £15 and will be on sale after all the Masses next week. Proceeds will be shared between the DWG's schools' project in Nepal and Sister Margaret's Barcelona Settlement in South Africa. You can make up your own table or join our 'parish' table.



LIVESIMPLY

Today (the first Sunday of the month) there is a UHT milk collection for the St Albans and District Foodbank, presently based at Highfield Oval. The next gathering of the LiveSimply groups is on Friday 11th January at 7.30 in the Undercroft. All are welcome. On Saturday 19th January at 11.00 am in the Undercroft, Pat Gaffney will give a presentation on the response of Pax Christi to Pope Francis's call for all of us to be peacemakers. Please see the poster in the porch. Everyone is welcome!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY VACANCY

Please see the poster in the porch detailing a job advert for an Admin Assistant role that we are hoping to fill asap at the SVP National Office in London (Romero House - next door to St George's Cathedral) The closing date for the role is 5pm Tuesday 8th January 2019



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION - VOLUNTEER FOR CAFOD IN THE WESTMINSTER DIOCESE

Do you have good public speaking skills and want to help us tackling poverty and injustice? CAFOD needs volunteers to speak on our behalf in parishes and/or schools in the Westminster Diocese about our work in the developing world. To find out more details, or book a place on our next Volunteer information day in London on Saturday, 19th January 2019 call CAFOD on 0208 449 6970 or email westminster@cafod.org.uk

MASS FOR OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes will take place in the Cathedral on Saturday 9th



February 2019 at 2pm. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass by Bishops and Priests. Please let Melanie, in the Parish Office know if you will be attending in a wheelchair. For more details please see the poster on the noticeboard in the porch.