

Building Community

2023 Parish Cakebake's-

The cakebake on Sunday 13/08 brought the gifting of an impressive range of cakes and cookies with a high % being homemade. Parishioners and visitors attending the event all had a jolly time. Toddlers and our younger children enjoyed the activities provided for them.

Particular thanks to members of the Parish Council and other Parishioners making up the successful delivery team on the day: Ben Lizzio, Bernadette O Shea, Chris Blandford, Christine Lambert, Diedre, Paula Dilger, Maureen Kelly, Lizzie Lizzio, Ruth Mansell and Teresa Clarke.

The £539.00 cash raised across the cakebake weekend has been allocated to the project fund. This will go towards the target of replenishment of Parish Reserves of £15,000 over 3 years (£5000 per annum) for heating system replacement and insulation work.

Our next cakebake should take place in November '23 and all funds raised will again go to the heating project.

Support to the Youth Group-

We will continue to support the work of the Youth Group, in delivering a Parish Family Focused Mass once a term (including contributing cake and biscuits for afterwards), engagement with St Adrian's by the children's' attendance at our morning mass on school term Holydays of Obligation and active support to the Sunday children's' liturgy sessions.

We will also contribute to and support the monthly Sunday 10.30 mass where our past and present First Holy Communion parents receive personal invitations to encourage the practise of our First Holy Communion children the obligation to attend Sunday mass. An initiative arising from the Liturgy Group.

Ecumenism

Creationtide 1 Sep – 4 Oct. There is a 4-week course with South St Albans Churches starting on 7 September. The theme this year is Let Justice and Peace Flow Like a Mighty River.

Churches Together St Albans Creation Prayer Walk –Sunday 1 October 3-5.30pm. Join Churches Together in St Albans at the Cathedral Holm Oak, Sumpter Yard for a walk and prayers for creation. <https://ctstalbans.org.uk/event/creation-prayer-walk> It will finish At Marlborough Road Methodist Church with Evensong.

Ecumenical Chaplaincy We celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Ecumenical Chaplaincy in St Albans Cathedral on Friday 13 October at the 12 noon Mass, and join our ecumenical partners at Evensong on 15 October.

Advent course – no details yet. It is organised by South St Albans Churches, and the options to join are daytime, evening and online.

Pilgrimage for the Planet – Sat 9 September. Walk along the Thames path from the Cutty Sark, Greenwich to the Thames Barrier. It starts at 11 from the Cutty Sark and is a walk of 4.5 miles (7Km). Bring a packed lunch.

Social Justice

See update note in meeting minutes

Spirituality

See update note in meeting minutes

Youth

During the Summer we have provided activities for our toddlers and young children at our Parish Social Events: Brother Nelson's Farewell and the August Cakebake.

With the resumption of the Autumn school term we will continue :

- To lead for St Adrian's school attendance at parish masses on Holy days of Obligation arising during term-time
- Linking St Barts food pantry to our St Adrian's community.
- Actively supporting the Sunday Children's Liturgy. With Ruth Mansell taking a 6 months break we are in need of another lead catechist to cover a group once a month. Messaging will begin in the Newsletter from next weekend.
- To lead the termly Youth Family Focused Mass which encourages all of our young people, ranging from Children's' Liturgy, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, to attend and actively participate in.
- To support the monthly personalised First Holy Communion masses initiative of the Liturgy Group.
- To support the Saturday evening teenage youth masses initiative of Sinead Hughes and Stephen Moroney.