



A Thank You from Fr David at St Joseph's

Thank you for the warm welcome that you have given to us since arriving on 15 August. Pat and I are enjoying settling in to the area and getting to know members of this lively parish community. Maybe for your interest some history... Fr David was born in Wanstead, NE London, and Pat in Trenton, Ontario, Canada. We first met in Wanstead in 1977 and got married in 1982, first working as nurses in central London, although Fr David had a theology degree from Edinburgh by then and Pat a degree in education from the USA. Fr David was ordained for the Church of England in 1989, and we were received into the Catholic Church in Nov 1995 by Archbishop Maurice. In Feb 1998 Fr David was ordained as a priest, working first in hospital chaplaincy in Oxford, and then in a number of parishes in Oxfordshire and north Staffordshire. We have four grown up children who very rarely manage to get together, living in USA, Scotland and England. Every new beginning means some 'reinventing' of ourselves and we pray for strength and guidance from God to respond the particular opportunities and challenges of this parish and area

Father David Hartley

Your opportunity to vote for a local tree to be 'Tree of the Year' in the Woodland Trust annual competition

The Holm Oak in Jephson Gardens beside the lake is one of the nominations -- 175 years old, well loved and climbed by many children over the generations. It has seen many events in the town's history.

Let's put it on the map!

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/tree-of-the-year>

Jenny Armstrong

Our Lady's Church Autumn Fair

At Our Lady's Church, Valley Road, Lillington, Saturday 23 September from 12 till 2

Stalls, children's games, refreshments, burgers, hot dogs, raffle, plants, gifts

Everyone is very welcome

In aid of roof and heating repair

Fr Stephen

Pastimes

Pastimes continues to offer a very warm welcome to anyone who would enjoy a cup of tea/ coffee and light refreshment any Tuesday in the Church Hall we are open from 11am until 3pm, we would love to meet you

Our next Jumble sale is on September 30th to commence at 1pm. We urgently need clothes and any items for the sale as all money raised will go towards installing a new working heating system in time for winter. The Jumble also supports families in need and is a great way to recycle and reduce waste. We really appreciate your help. Pastimes is open every Tuesday if you are able to deliver or feel free to ask for collection

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KINDAID

KINDAID CAKE SALE restarts on Sunday 10th September. Please note that October's cake sale will be on Sunday 15

JUST DESSERTS Saturday 7 October at St Peter's Church hall

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Kindaid quiz Friday 10 November at Our Lady's Church hall

Sue Sugars / Alison Marshall

Just Desserts

**To be held at St Peter's Church Hall
Dormer Place, Leamington Spa , CV32 5AA**



Join us for a light supper of freshly made soup and bread rolls followed by a plethora of delicious homemade desserts

Saturday 7th October 2023 at 7pm

Tickets: Adults £10.00 / Children £5.00

Tickets from Kindaid Members or call Jo Mander on 07980 315575
(donation of desserts are very welcome) Join us for a light supper of freshly made soup and bread rolls followed by a plethora of delicious homemade desserts



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Season of Creation 2023

This ecumenical celebration is held each year from 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the care of Creation to 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. The theme this year, chosen by Pope Francis is **Let Justice and Peace Flow**

Pope Francis has written a message for this season noting that **"God wants justice to reign; it is as essential to our life as God's children made in his likeness as water is essential for our physical survival"**

Masses at Our Lady's Church on 10 September and Saint Peter's Church on 16/17 September will celebrate the season of creation. These will involve an altar display to reflect Living Simply and the bidding prayers and music will reflect the themes

We give thanks for all that God has made, repent for the damage that we have caused and commit ourselves to take action to protect the Earth, our common home. For more information, prayers and reflections and to read the full text of the Pope's message, follow the links below

Louise Hathaway

https://r.email.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/mk/cl/f/sh/SMK1E8tHeGtwtlhebjaZZfI0IUJN/LjM_zqXNOY4y

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources>

World Youth Day, 1 > 6 August, Portugal

Rose and I were a part of a group of 82 pilgrims, from the Archdiocese of Birmingham, who travelled to Portugal in the summer for World Youth Day (WYD), along with thousands of pilgrims from across the world, for audiences with Pope Francis and to share and grow in our faith.

Week 1, before WYD began, we enjoyed 'Days in the Diocese'. This is where our group stayed with some wonderful Portuguese families in a city called Espinho 15 miles outside of Porto. When the families were not hosting, entertaining, and feeding us, us pilgrims were experiencing Portuguese culture, volunteering in the local community, praying and preparing for WYD itself. Families from Espinho also hosted fellow pilgrims from Chile, Columbia and Poland and it was fascinating getting to know them and learn about their cultures as well. Overall, it was such an enjoyable week and one that paved the way for WYD

Week 2 was WYD. After a day's journey, in which we had a stop at Fatima and prayed for the People of the Catholic Leamington, we arrived in Lisbon. Over the course of the week around 1 million pilgrims had descended on the capital and the city was like a carnival with praise, prayer, music, catechist, 24/7 adoration and daily Mass. The city was so full of joy and audiences with Pope Francis were packed for the Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration and Mass with The Pope. 1.5 million pilgrims gathered for Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday evening and all of us camped beneath the stars to awake for morning Mass with Pope Francis. A special moment I will remember fondly except for the 40C heat by the time the Mass had finished!



For me, there were three messages I took from WYD, and Pope Francis in particular, which I wanted to share

1 Good Intentions Form Good Habits

Pope Francis used the example of a footballer, very fitting with the recent inspiring example of our Lionesses at the World Cup, about how they keep training to improve their skills. Pope Francis wanted to encourage us all to be consistent in growing our spiritual lives and not to give up on this lifelong mission

2 Do not be Afraid!

The world today can be a scary place and Pope Francis wanted us not to be afraid of it or the futures we so often dwell on. The theme of WYD focussed on how 'Mary arose and went with Haste' (Luke 1:39) when she went to visit her cousin Elizabeth with Jesus in her womb. Let's not be afraid, let's take inspiration from Mary, our Mother, and pray for her powerful intercession in times of uncertainty and distress

3 A Greater Love of Adoration

That we, as Catholics, need to be a Eucharistic people and re-learn, or experience again, the overwhelming love, comfort, and peace which comes from adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Spending time with Jesus has done so much for my own faith and I really want to encourage everyone to create time for it. It's amazing how Jesus can work in the silence of our hearts when we are eye to eye, heart to heart

There are many more things I could discuss but if you would like to speak more about WYD please just drop me an email and I would be happy to talk further

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Niall Herbert

CAFOD UPDATE

Pakistan floods: One year on - an update on our response

Thanks to your generous donations and continued support we have been responding with our local partner Community World Service Asia (CWSA) based in Pakistan, providing urgent food and medical assistance to those most impacted

Our hard-working local experts have been supporting communities battling hunger and illness in these harsh conditions by providing clean drinking water, food, shelter, emergency medical assistance and cash

With your help, we were able to establish **two Mobile Health Units** to provide care for conditions directly caused by the floods. They have also been providing wider health services to communities, focusing on the

most vulnerable; women, children, the elderly, and people with disabilities. During the first eight or nine months of the project, a total of at least 95,000 patients have been seen by a medical doctor and received treatment

Fix the Food System Campaign

CAFOD have received a detailed response from the Government to our campaign demands, which the Minister for Development and Africa, Andrew Mitchell, has asked us to share with everyone who has taken part in the campaign. However the minister's letter

- fails to acknowledge the way the World Bank places restrictions on small-scale farmers' access to seeds
- ignores how the World Bank's approach to agriculture is bad for climate change
- supports the view that increased productivity be pushed at all costs, even when there are harmful consequences

Please Note-

HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY:
SOUP LUNCH:

Friday 6th October
Friday 20th October

Ann Allison

EXTRA is primarily for information that we do not have room for in the weekly newsletter. But we can only publish what you send in; please send notices in Microsoft Word to hathawayfamily@aol.com by 30 September for the October edition
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