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SILENT AUCTION

I am sure we all missed terribly the Church Fair that had to be cancelled this year because of the Pandemic. Not only did we all miss out on stocking up on new plants for the garden, those must have books or those oh so delicious cakes, the bric-a-brac, the BBQ – well, the whole Church Fair experience, but most of all the church and our charities missed out on the very valuable and much needed funds that we raise at this event.

So we have decided that we would try and do something about that and we are going to hold The Silent Auction to try to raise some of those missing funds and try have a bit of fun at the same time.

The first part of the Silent Auction is getting the gifts of things that we can auction. In the current climate we have been reluctant to contact our local businesses for gifts although some had already generously offered prizes pre-lockdown, and so we do need to have more items to include on the list. We are therefore appealing to everyone to see what they might be able to offer as a prize for us to include in the auction.

For example, if you could donate some time as a gardener, or a handy man – these have proved really popular in the past. Or if you have a skill or talent you could pass on - via a Zoom class or similar – that would be marvellous – in the past we have had French and Maths and Career coaching - but there must be many more hidden talents in our community.

You may also know someone who would be willing to donate something to the auction – all ideas and suggestions gratefully received!!

We will be gathering the prizes over the next few weeks. We will put the list up on our Website and Facebook pages and announce the cut-off date, and then the bidding can start!! The bids will be by email, text or a phone call to advise the item being bid for, and the amount bid. Full details later....

So please, think whether you have something you or someone you know could offer (within the boundaries of our Covid world) and either:

complete our quick form on the website here:

<https://www.stmarytwick.org.uk/silent-auction-offers>

or send your auction prize ideas to Chris and Liz Webborn on silentauction@stmarytwick.org.uk as soon as possible.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Dear Friends,

As you will recall, in recent years we have had a collection for the Richmond foodbank at Harvest.

We are pleased to hear that people have been extremely generous in donating food during the pandemic lockdown and they have been able to more than keep up with increased demand. This year they do not need additional harvest food to be collected and are therefore suggesting something different. At the moment they have a pressing need to fund an additional and larger foodbank van for their collection and delivery services across Richmond Borough and beyond. If you would like to make a donation to this year's St Mary's Harvest Appeal, please either send a cheque made payable to St Mary's Church Twickenham, sending it to The Parish Office, Church St Twickenham TW1 3NJ clearly marking it "Harvest Appeal" or else hand in your contribution in an envelope when attending Evening Prayer in the garden.

You can also donate directly by following this link: [click here](#)

If you need any help making this donation, please feel free to contact the Parish office on 020 8744 2693. I am sure we will all feel moved to contribute to this important outreach venture as generously as we can. Many thanks. Jeff

APCM AND VESTRY MEETING

Dear Friends,

As you will know, it is a requirement in law that each church holds an annual meeting. This year, due to the Covid Lockdown, we were unable to do this and had dispensation from The Bishop to delay. We have now been sent instructions to hold this by the end of October 2020. This being the case, the Standing Committee has decided to hold the meeting at 10.30am on Sunday 4th October. Please would all those on the Electoral Roll of St Mary's Church Twickenham, make a note of that and make every effort to join us, either by phone or the internet. The meeting will take the usual form and will include the election of Church Wardens, 5 Members of Deanery Synod and 4 members of the PCC. It will also receive key reports such as those relating to Safeguarding and Finance.

The invitation to the APCM will take a similar form as that for the Zoom Service and will be accessed in a similar way. Many thanks for your understanding and support for us at this challenging time in our life together.

Blessings and best wishes, Jeff
