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Attention!

Setting up staging for the High Tide Festival means that car access to Arragon Road/Church Street south of Richmond Road will generally be blocked off from early morning. To gain access to park near the church or in York Street car park please tell the stewards at the top of Arragon Road that you are attending the service. They have been briefed to let you through!

Do not try to drive down Church Street as it will be closed from 9 am. Please leave, if at all possible, by 11 am latest.

Festival bands will be playing in Church Street and nearby from about 12.30 – all free. It's a big event! <u>eelpierecords.com</u> for further info.

WALSINGHAM

It has been decided to postpone our Walsingham morning, on 2nd October, until another time. This is due to several reasons, including the fact that Fr. Jeff is still recovering from a recent illness and that only a small number had indicated that they were planning on attending. This will also give us an opportunity of liasing with Fr Sergei and the parish of All Saints Hanworth, who have expressed an interest in sharing this event with us. Thank you for your understanding.

CHURCH SERVICES THIS SUNDAY

This coming Sunday, 24th September we shall be celebrating Eucharist in church at 9.30am. Our Zoom service will be celebrated at 5pm.

There will also be a 10 am service on Wednesday 29 September.

We hope you will join us to share in worship.

(Help a Neighbour in Distress) – RECRUITING NOW

https://www.handscaregroup.org.uk/jobs

Empathetic, energetic and efficient? This could be the job for you.

PART-TIME CO-ORDINATOR REQUIRED

20 hours per week. Salary: pro rata of £25,000 - £29,000 per annum depending on experience

HANDS – the neighbourhood care group covering Twickenham and St Margaret's which provides voluntary, practical support in non-specialist fields for those in need, especially the older, frail, isolated and housebound - is looking for a Co-ordinator to oversee the day-to-day running of the office, manage a team of dedicated volunteers, liaise with clients, monitor and evaluate the service and support the Trustees in strategic planning.

We are seeking someone who will combine warmth and empathy with good organisational skills – Charity Witts has brought all those qualities to the task and done it superbly for the last five years but has sadly decided to move on. The position is ideally suited to local applicants – please pass the word around to anyone who might be appropriate. Find out more and apply at https://www.handscaregroup.org.uk/jobs

OFF THE RECORD/ST MARY'S FAIR 11 SEPTEMBER – THANK YOU!

The weather was brilliant for the fair which was well attended, and much enjoyed with talented children making music, the bells ringing, busy stalls, and a visit by the Mayor. It was really lovely to invite the community into our churchyard - and share with such an important young people's local charity as Off the Record, who also held a wonderful concert in the church afterwards.

A big thank you to all those who contributed to making the small fair a big success, organising and liaising with OTR, searching out/mending/putting up/taking down gazebos, baking (loads of you) and selling cakes and jams, running the popular BBQ and bar and the Fairtrade stall and counting the takings. And thank you to all those who supported the church and OTR by coming along on the day. St Mary's made a very respectable c £1100 for the church from our stalls. As someone(?) would say, "absolutely MARVELLOUS!"

TRAIDCRAFT

Traidcraft is back! It is exciting to be able to run the stall again after such a long interval. Producers, farmers and craftworkers need our support more than ever!

Please come and browse our new stock of tea and coffee, olive oil and nuts, biscuits and chocolate in the hall after the service.

Diana Wells and the Eco Group

CHURCH CLEANING

St Mary's Scrubbers are in urgent need of two more people to help with the cleaning of the church. We would be so grateful if more help could be forthcoming. You would be in a group of 3 other people and would only be needed once every 5 weeks. Each group decides what day and time suits them to meet up.

If you feel called to help please give Jenny Kelly a ring on 0208 891 2866 and if I am not in leave a message and I will get back to you. Thank you in anticipation

RICHMOND FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Richmond Food Bank needs volunteers. Would anyone like to help out? It operates on Monday and Thursday afternoons 12.30 to 4.00 pm and you can choose which days suit you. It is a very worthwhile cause and you are always on with another volunteer. If it appeals the telephone number is 020 8940 0274 and the address is The Vineyard Community Centre, The Vineyard, Richmond. TW10 6AQ

ST MARY'S COVID SAFETY REMINDERS

The emphasis is still on caution, distancing, and not taking unnecessary risks, but the balance between regulation and personal choice has shifted again.

To enable 'Test and Trace', on entry, please either use the QR code or write your name and contact details on the list at the door.

You can now choose to be in church in any size group, and within those groups you can agree how much you want to socially distance. You can sit together but do not have to do so.

However, while inside St Mary's buildings, we ask you to consider the sensitivities and health of all your fellow worshippers. You are strongly encouraged to:

- · wear a face covering (unless exempt)
- · use our hand sanitisers
- keep at least 1 metre apart from those who are not in your group

We hope that you will join us for our worship in church as soon as you feel able to.