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Friends,

This week we are keeping our Harvest Thanksgiving. In church at 10.30am, we will be presenting our harvest gifts of food (fresh and packets or tins) as usual for distribution to the Dad's House Food Bank, Glass Door and the St Cuthbert's Centre. We'll be glad to receive your harvest gifts any time that the church is open or on the day. The service will be 'all age', and the speaker is from GoGo Trust, the charity supporting the grandmothers in places like South Africa, looking after children orphaned due to AIDS.

We are thrilled that within the new government guidelines we can now have singers leading worship in church. This week, Bethan Thomas and Alexander Boukikov are singing.

Sleeping out for Glass Door

Dave Ireton and I both slept out on Friday night to raise money to support the work of Glass Door Homeless Charity. We are grateful to all those who have so generously sponsored us – to the tune of nearly £6000 in total, at last count, not including GiftAid. It's not too late to sponsor either of us if you've not done it yet. The links for on line giving are below:

<https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/fundraisers/david-iretons-sleep-out-or-in-fundraising-page>

<https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/fundraisers/jenny-welshs-sleep-out-or-in-fundraising-page>

We also are glad to take cash.

Macmillan Cancer Support Prayers for those Affected by Cancer, Tuesday 6 October

9.30am Covid 19 regulations prevent us from gathering for the usual coffee morning to support Macmillan Cancer Support this year, but we cannot be prevented from praying for their work. Join us for the special service of Morning Prayer to remember by name those who are touched by cancer. Please add anyone you'd like mentioned to the list at the back of church, or give any names you'd like included to the Office. A collection will be taken for the charity on the day.

Annual Meeting of the Parishioners for the election of Church Wardens and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 11 October 4.00pm (by Zoom)

The APCM will be held in just a few weeks' time. This is the meeting where we will receive various reports on the activities of the church and the financial accounts for the previous year; when we are required to elect our Churchwardens and PCC members; and when we appoint sidespeople, as well as an Independent Examiner for the Accounts.

Because of the pandemic, we are permitted to meet virtually, and so we hope you will either join us by Zoom using the video link here:

Annual Meeting and APCM - St Mary The Boltons

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85079419333?pwd=QXRNeFVnUnNUMmFVZkiWUFZhtKrR2dz09>

or by telephone link (land line or mobile – simply dial the number, and follow the instructions to join the meeting:

0203 481 5237 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: 850 7941 9333 Passcode: 229267

You can access the papers for the meeting using the links below:

[2020 Agenda and Minutes of 2019 annual meetings](#)

[Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for 2019](#)

[St Mary's Annual Review for 2019](#)

Paper copies can be found in church.

PCC and Deanery Synod Elections

We have 5 spaces to fill on the PCC and three spaces on Deanery Synod. Deanery Synod reps are automatically on the PCC by virtue of that role. If you would like to know more about serving on the PCC, speak to me or one of the wardens as soon as possible. If you would like to seek nomination for yourself or someone else, please ask for a nomination form. Nominations may be received up to the meeting itself, but we'd be glad to have a good slate of people going in. We have two nominations for PCC so far: Ann Mulcare and Mimi Waterbury.

If you come along on Sunday morning, we ask that you please help us to protect each other in church by:

- sanitising your hands on entry
- placing your offering in the plate at the back of church or us the contactless point
- consider filling in the Test and Trace form with your name and phone number or using the new NHS QR code.
- wear your face covering while in church (removing it to take communion, of course) unless you are exempt for medical reasons or by virtue of age. Those who wear theirs will be protecting those who cannot.

Children and babies are very welcome to sit with their families, and also to bring along something quiet in case they need other occupation during the service – we don't mind if they play or read books, but NO electronic devices, please! Rest assured that we hope that we'll be able to make Covid-safe provision for children in church in the autumn.

If you are staying home, you can still access the podcast as usual and unlike us in church, you can sing the hymns with gusto. We hope you will listen at 10.30 on Sunday, and feel like we are all worshipping together, even if apart. **This week's podcast can be heard [here](#) and the order of service, with words to the hymns and prayers can be downloaded [here](#), and a large print version [here](#).** Once again, we are grateful to John Ward who has been putting these together week by week.

Food banks The financial situation is dire for families and those whose jobs have been lost. We are glad to receive donations of food etc for Dad's House Food Bank which has opened at 22 Lillie Road in Fulham. They are open 7 days a week between 10am and 3pm and anyone is able to access their help without a voucher.

Finance and giving

Thank you to all those who have continued to support St Mary's through regular giving and one off donations. Our income suffered during the lockdown with the loss of Sunday collections as well as income from the Hall. We can now receive your offering on Sundays in church using cash or the contactless devices. We encourage regular members of the

congregation to consider giving by bank transfer, whether each week or by standing order? It is easy; we can still benefit from your GiftAid, and it will help us to maintain our ministry in this difficult period.

PCC of St Mary with St Peter and St Jude

Account Number: 80692190

Sort code: 20-80-14

We have also recently been able to set up a CAF donations page, which can be found [here](#).

Blessings,



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