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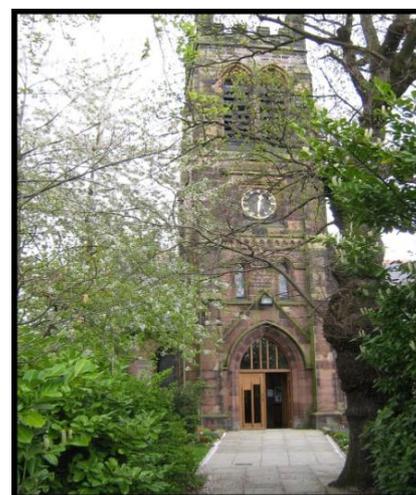
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any articles that may be of
interest to our readers.*

Email address above.

Margaret



O gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(Benedict of Nursia c.550)

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MINISTRY MESSAGE

A Tribute to the Queen!

I was tempted to entitle this article as 'Another Tribute...' , because I guess last month we saw an overload of information from our TV screens about the Queen and for many it became too much. Nevertheless, now there has been time and space to reflect on the death of the Queen, it is appropriate to draw wisdom from this wonderful lady and to honour her.

Of course, I am aware that some would prefer to have a republic and are not supportive, therefore, of a monarchy. This isn't a sinful aspiration (although some might beg to differ) as God can bless a nation without a King or Queen on the throne. I see merits in their arguments. However, the purpose of my thoughts is to be thankful for someone who was a figurehead and leader for so many years, who provided continuity, and whose Christian witness spoke to many.

Growing up in a 'Christian' country I wasn't aware that our monarch had a real faith, perhaps she mentioned it but it didn't grab my attention until her Christmas speech in December 2000. It was then that she said ' For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life'. Thereafter she often referred to Jesus in her speeches, showing how her faith inspired her to acts of kindness and love.

Her favourite parable that she referred to on several occasions was that of the Good Samaritan. It is a powerful story and would have angered some of those who heard it first from Jesus. I'm sure it has challenged each of us to examine our priorities, our prejudice and our compassion. The Queen sought to live this out in her way, which was pertinent to her position and role. We have heard how many were impressed by her character. This is so needed for us as a nation right now where integrity in politics has reached such a low ebb.

We have much in our country that has been shaped by God's word, and the Bible is given to our monarch on their coronation with the words 'The most valuable thing this world has to offer'. There is a sense of irony in this as the one being crowned is surrounded by the most expensive 'bling' in the world and who has large personal wealth. The Queen viewed her position as an opportunity to serve and not to flaunt power or wealth. She held both lightly, and so it would seem valued God's word above all else.

We can be so grateful that we live in a nation with such a Christian heritage, of course things will change and what our leaders will be in the future may well change. However, let us hold fast to the eternal truth of God's word as the Queen did. She exhorted us to go and 'do likewise', in other words to not be merely hearers of God's word but also doers.

Whatever our position on what our head of state is, we are still commanded to pray for all those in authority over us, including King Charles. We can be encouraged that Archbishop Welby talked of Charles also having a personal faith. May this be the case and let's pray that, through all the changes we will go through, he will again be a leader of service, integrity, an example to us all, a man of faith and a man of the Word.

Andy Radford

OCTOBER SERVICES

Sunday 2nd October:

Proper 22/Trinity 15 (2 Timothy 1.1-14, Luke 17.5-10)

10.30 am St Mary Morning Worship: Rev Godfrey Butland

11.00 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Katy Canty

6.30 pm St Nicholas Evening Worship: Garry Critchley

11.00 am St Hilda Morning Worship and Baptism: Andy Radford

Thursday 6th October:

9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford

Sunday 9th October:

Proper 23/Trinity 16 (2 Timothy 2.8-15, Luke 17.11-29)

10.30 am St Mary Holy Communion/Harvest: Andy & Jen Radford

11.00 am St Nicholas GMJC Parade/Harvest: Matthew Hargreaves

12.15 & 1.00 pm Baptisms: Andy Radford

6.30 pm St Nicholas Evening Worship: Matthew Hargreaves

11.00 am St Hilda Morning Worship: Graham Milford

Thursday 13th October:

9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford

Sunday 16th October:

Proper 24/Trinity 17 (2 Timothy 3.14-4.5, Luke 18.1-8)

10.30 am St Mary Morning Worship & Baptism :David Goodwin

11.00 am St Nicholas Morning Worship: Bill Forster

6.30 pm St Nicholas Holy Communion: Stephen Gough

11.00 am St Hilda Holy Communion: Andy Radford

Thursday 20th October:

9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford

Sunday 23rd October:

Proper 25/Trinity 18 (2 Timothy 4.6-8 & 16-18, Luke 18.9-14)

10.30 am St Mary GMJC: Matthew Hargreaves & Mike Sutcliffe

11.00 am St Nicholas Morning Worship: Graham Amey

6.30 pm St Nicholas Evening Worship: Matthew Hargreaves

11.00 am St Hilda Morning Worship: Carol Burke

Thursday 27th October:

9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Sandra Doore

Sunday 30th October:

All Saints (Ephesians 1.1-11, Luke 6.20-31)

11.00 am Team Service at St Hilda's

11.00 am St Nicholas Team Service at St Hilda's

6.30 pm No service (Deanery Service 7.00 pm tbc)

11.00 am St Hilda Team Service at St Hilda's

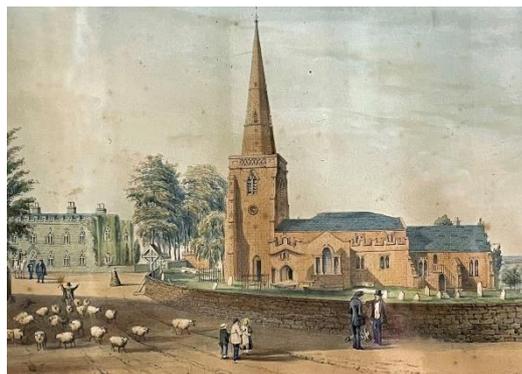
Thursday 3rd November:

9.15 am St Nicholas Holy Communion: Andy Radford

Childwall Parish Church (All Saints) – Heritage Week-end

Jane and I paid a visit to Childwall Parish Church on Saturday 17th Sep 2022, as part of their heritage open days.

All Saints is apparently the only remaining medieval church within the Liverpool City Borough and appears in records back to the doomsday book, compiled in 1086. There's a lovely old photo displayed at the back of the church, with The Abbey pub in the background, and sheep being herded past the church. I've copied it and will display it, if the editor has room.



We had visited the church recently, with Richie the Ranger, the Liverpool guide, but we were keen to go back to climb the tower, which was open for the week-end.

I used to climb St Nicholas Tower in the past, when our clock man Len Finch used to go up to wind the clock up, probably 30 to 40 years ago now. However, during recent times it has suffered at the hands of the health and safety regs and the climb is considered



unsafe. In fairness, it was a hairy ride, up a wooden ladder, fixed to the wall and you had to push your backside in to squeeze past the then extra-large bells.

It's a different story at All saints, but it's still a thrill going up and down a very narrow and steep 53 steps. Jane is not good with descents, so there were lots of ooh-ing and arrh-ing all the way down. There's a brilliant view at the top, up on that hill and we had lots of debate about where exactly every distant building was. The tower dates back to 1571, but was rebuilt in 1811, when the original was considered unsafe. That old picture does have some slight differences to the current tower, so I think it's from before 1811.

After the obligatory tea and biscuit, we left this lovely grade 1 listed church for home.

Geoff Bullen

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Thanks everyone! Alison



School Food Bags packing at St Nic's on Thurs 22 September.





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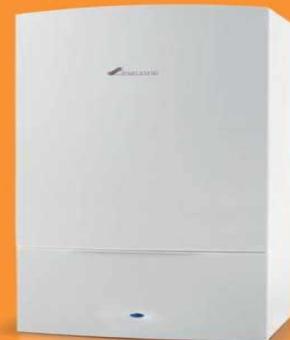
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Men's Events

Andy has shared the following details about this men's event taking place in November:

Aigburth Cricket Club for Curry and inspired talk. Friday 18th November with popular and inspirational speaker Carl Beech. More information to follow.

Prayers

If you would like us to include someone in prayers on a Sunday morning and/or evening, there is a book at the back of each church to which you can add names. Please ask the duty warden/steward .

Help needed with Children's Work at St Mary's

A message from Katie Cardwell

So, reopening after lock down, the numbers at St Mary's Junior Church have more than tripled which, of course, is an answer to prayer: however, we are struggling with the small number of helpers that we have. If you are able to go onto the rota to help with this please contact Katie on katiemc84@googlemail.com

A Message from Mike Sutcliffe

We need some help because we are struggling to run the after-school clubs, as we need at least another adult (as well as myself). We have 3 clubs at the moment:

JAM Club is a club for children in years 1, 2, and 3 and we're currently making our way through the New Testament. It takes place on Wednesdays from 15:30-16:30.

Boss Club is a club for children in years 4, 5, and 6 that takes place on Thursdays from 18:00-19:00.

Next Level is a club for secondary school children that takes place on Thursdays from 19:30-20:30.

If anyone is available during these times and might be able to offer some assistance that would be amazing.

You can contact Mike on natasia.circuitchildren@gmail.com

It is fantastic news that our children's work is really taking off again but we need people to help with all of this if that is to continue.

Knowsley Winter Warm Knitting Project

This year, as in previous years, we are knitting and crocheting items for the Knowsley Winter Warm Project: hats; scarves; neck warmers; fingerless mittens; shawls; knee blankets etc. This year these will be needed more than ever with the rising costs of fuel. We have simple patterns and a budget for wool. So if you are not already knitting for this and would like to be involved please contact Alison who will provide wool and whatever else you need.

To EAT or HEAT?

With inflation rising, and food and fuel prices increasing, many people will struggle to pay their bills....

There is of course a FoodBank at St Mary's Church (By Aldi on Saturday mornings) where help may be sought...

There are also some Free Food distribution centres run by South Liverpool Zero Waste.. they collect food from supermarkets...and give it away ... St Columbas Church at Hunts Cross operates on Friday mornings and New Hutte on Saturday too. St Hilda's was involved once...

The only sensible suggestion with the cost of electricity that I have seen was from Martin Lewis, (Money|SavingExpert) who suggested buying a Single Electric Blanket (Argos?) ...keep yourself warm for a fraction of heating the whole house!

I bought an Electric Back Heater Pad (1 ft x 18 Inches from EBAY)for £20 about 4 years ago which I placed at the bottom of the bed under the bottom sheet and I switch it on before bed...it switches itself off after 90 minutes. It has 6 different heats...maximum 200 Watts...which would cost about 10p at today's prices...Alternatively you can warm your back as you sit watching TV!

Ironically the heater pads are also available as Dog and Cat Mats!!

Let's hope for a mild winter...

Also St Nicholas has got some money with which volunteers buy food etc and then bag up and deliver to local schools for distribution to pupils.

Not forgetting, of course, UNIWISE...School Clothes recycled free at the churches... Colin West

Pilgrimage 2022: Hertfordshire

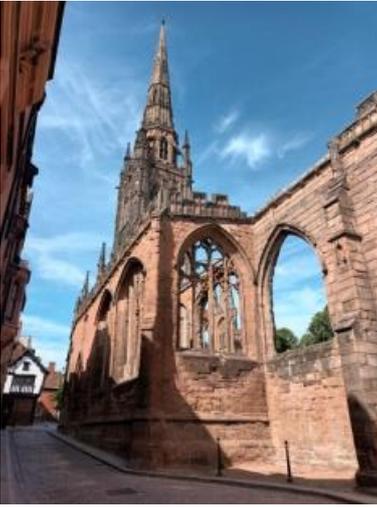
After a gap for the pandemic we were finally able to go on the annual pilgrimage and this year we were to be based at High Leigh Christian Conference Centre in Hoddesden.

Tuesday 30th August: We were on our way by 9am and, after a short detour to Morrison's in Speke because Finch Lane is now one-way, we hit the right road.

The M6 was busy and we diverted onto the toll road for free so we had a stop at the Norton Services before heading to Coventry. Coventry is not a great city to drive around but we were dropped by the rather magnificent Council Buildings, a short walk from Coventry Cathedral.



COVENTRY CATHEDRAL



Coventry Cathedral is a synthesis of old and new incorporating the remains of the bombed medieval building and the new building designed by Basil Spence and opened in 1962. It was Coventry's second cathedral that was bombed, the first, a monastic cruciform building possibly similar to Lichfield, having been totally destroyed



during the reformation and much of the stone was taken away for other buildings.

However there are a few site and foundations of the during building the present that three cathedrals occupy



pieces of the first building on first apse were discovered cathedral so it could be said the site.

The mainly 15th century St Michael's parish church was the seat of the new diocese of Coventry in 1918 and as it was one of the largest parish churches in the country it was upgraded to cathedral status without much structural work. It lasted just 22 years before being burned to the ground in the 1940 blitz apart from the outer walls, tower and spire.

There was intent to rebuild from the time of the bombing but it was the mid-1950s before Sir Basil Spence won the competition to design the new cathedral. It was built between 1957-62, at right angles to the original site, with Spence employing some of the biggest names in contemporary art to contribute their skills. Jacob Epstein's triumphant bronze of Archangel Michael vanquishing the Devil is on the exterior wall.



There is an incredible stained glass wall by the entrance, engraved with figures of saints and angels by John Hutton. More stained glass is evident, the work of three designers lead by master glass artist Lawrence Lee from the Royal College of Art working with Keith New and Geoffrey Clarke.



The huge tapestry of Christ in majesty surrounded by evangelistic creatures is behind the high altar, the largest tapestry ever made, and designed by Graham Sutherland.

Some other things that were interesting were The Plumb Line Sculpture: The sculpture reflects a passage from the Bible, Amos 7: 1 - 9 , in which a plumb line is used as an illustration of divine judgment.

The Charred Cross of St Michael's Cathedral in Coventry was made of wooden beams after the destruction of the cathedral in the Second World War. Date created: 01/01/1960-

31/12/1960.

The Chapel of Gethsemane is small with relatively little lighting. Its mosaic depicts the Angel of Agony by Steven Sykes which, on approach, is viewed through a wrought-iron crown of thorns, designed by Sir Basil Spence. Thus, beside the large, blazing glory of the tapestry and high altar, this quiet, small chapel serves as a reminder of suffering and a place of prayer and contemplation, away from the focal point of the Cathedral.



There were exhibitions around in some of the side chapels.

Heroic Torso 1954, Jacob Epstein (1880-1959)

Christ Crucified, Helen Huntington Jennings : Made from the metal of a crushed car



We were able to fit in lunch and some went off exploring Coventry which is known for the Lady Godiva story. She has a statue in the shopping precinct and there is a clock tower where on the hour she appears on her white horse through one set of doors and rides round to disappear through the other set of doors.



Back on the coach we carried on down the motorways and finally reached our destination. The setting is beautiful with lovely grounds to stroll around and plenty of outdoor seating on the terrace.



As is the usual arrangement we had dinner, then Compline, where we identified the day's highlights, followed by making some cards, this year on the owl and pussy cat theme.



Wednesday 31st August: Breakfast from 8am and on the coach by 9.15am to set off to Chipping Ongar for our visit to the church of St Andrew's Greensted-juxta-Ongar, the oldest wooden church in the world. It is also the oldest wooden building standing in Europe.

St Andrew's Greensted-juxta-Ongar

The name Greensted suggests the Saxons found a clearing (stede) in the forest that existed at that time. Epping Forest and Hainault Forest are the only remnants. The Saxons



worshipped pagan gods and resisted Christianity until St Cedd (trained at Lindisfarne) was successful. He began his work about 654 and an archaeological dig revealed the impression of two simple wooden buildings under the present chancel floor, thought to date back to that time. By dating

the timber used in the construction the nave was probably added about 1060. The Saxon nave would not have had windows.



1066 saw the arrival of the Normans and they set about a building programme. The remains of the Norman work include the footings of the chancel wall and the pillar piscina (the basin for washing communion vessels) inside the sanctuary.

The stone (not a local material) coffin lid by the south wall is thought to be that of a crusader and the prominent location suggests the occupant was seen as a local hero.



There were extensive alterations from about 1500 with the chancel rebuilt in brick, the thatch replaced by tiles on the nave and chancel roofs. Three dormer windows were installed and the south porch added.

The tower was probably built in the 17th century to house the bells, one of which is dated 1618, but may be earlier as there are a number of medieval towers in the district.



More restoration (needed as the church had been neglected) took place in the 19th century. A local carpenter carried out the restoration and carved the spandrels. The simple tie beams in the nave were replaced by more elaborate roof trusses carved with devices of St Edmund and of wheat and grapes, representing bread and communion wine. The base of the rotten timbers was removed and they put new sill and wall plates onto a brick sill

to maintain the original height. The elaborate roof trusses were installed and six dormer windows replaced the three Tudor windows. Stained glass windows designed by Nathaniel Westlake were installed.

In 1982 the Victorian font was replaced with a wooden font built of oak. In 1990 steel work was inserted to strengthen the structure and brace the roof. In 1999 a lighting system was added.

The church seems to have two associated saints, St Andrew and St Edmund. St Andrew was the brother of St Peter and he is believed to have preached in several parts of Asia Minor. He was finally crucified on a X shaped cross at his own request as he felt unworthy of dying on a cross like his Saviour's. This diagonal cross is called the St Andrew cross and is in the chancel window. He was adopted as patron saint of Scotland around 750. His festival is November 30th when prayers are said for missionary work throughout the world as he is considered the first of all Christian missionaries.

St Edmund was crowned King of East Anglia, aged 15, on Christmas Day 855 and was martyred by the Danes on November 20th 869. He was the first patron saint of England but the Normans replaced him with St George. His body was enshrined at Bury St Edmunds and attracted many pilgrims. It was later removed to London for safekeeping but returned in 1013 resting in St Andrew's church on its journey. There is a beam in the church relating to his martyrdom. After he was beheaded his head was thrown into a thicket some distance from the body. His followers found it guarded by a wolf hound that would not leave it until it was returned to his body.



As we were leaving we were told that when the Tolpuddle martyrs (who were transported to Australia from Dorset) finally had their sentences commuted due to public outcry and came home they were granted farm tenancies in this area as the Dorset farmers opposed their return. James Brine, one of the martyrs, married Elizabeth Standfield, daughter of another martyr, in 1839 and it is recorded in the marriage register. However, the incumbent, Philip Ray, led local opposition so their tenancies were not renewed and they emigrated to Canada. From there we braved a short trip on the M25 to visit Waltham Abbey and Waltham Abbey parish church. There were no hold ups so we did not have to sing to get the traffic moving. In fact we arrived ahead of schedule and had plenty of time to explore the town before our guided tour at 2pm. Watch for next two churches in November's Parish Magazine.

Knowsley Urban Sketchers - 15 new workshops from August 2022 to April 2023

We are thrilled to announce that the Friends of Kirkby Gallery & Prescott Museum have been awarded funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to run a new series of workshops.

In our Knowsley Urban Sketchers sessions, we invite people to come along to come to different locations across the borough and capture them on paper, with a professional artist leading the group.

We aim to connect people with where they live, work and travel to/from through the artistic, storytelling and educational value of on-location storytelling. Exploring a different range of outdoor venues, each session will feature a short talk that brings the location's heritage alive.

The sessions will run 10am - 3pm in two sections: drawing on location in the morning then breaking for lunch, then coming together for the 'throwdown' and group critique/discussion in the afternoon.

The remaining workshops will be led by the following artists:

Wednesday 12 October: Pam Sullivan, St Martin's Church, Southdene, Kirkby

Thursday 13 October: Tony O'Connell, Halewood Park, Halewood

Wednesday 19 October: Gill Cowley, Quarry Green Heights, Kirkby

Tuesday 1 November: Gill Cowley, Glovers Brow and Mill Lane, Kirkby

The sessions are free. All you need to bring are your own drawing materials, lunch and drinks.

Please ensure that you wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the location and weather.

If you would like to attend any of the Knowsley Urban Sketchers sessions, please email tina.ball@knowsley.gov.uk or call 0151 443 4936 with your details so that we can add you to the register and contact you nearer the time with more information.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Bishop of Warrington calls for an end to violent crime in the City

The Bishop of Warrington and Acting Bishop of Liverpool has issued a strong appeal to end gun and knife crime. In a series of passionate interviews at the funeral of Ashley Dale, the Bishop said that enough was enough and that we need as a community to stop knife and gun crime. The Bishop stressed that this was not the Liverpool she knew, calling the city a "Warm, friendly, stunning place; a place of life and creativity." But added, "We are presently being over-shadowed by this awful stuff that's taking place."

Christmas Card Workshop



Saturday 15th October

St Mary's Church

(enter from car park on Hillingden Avenue)

From 10.00 am - 12.30 pm

(doors open about 9.30 am and 12.30 pm is approximate end time)

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Children over 10 years old may attend if accompanied by an adult.

Contact Gill Dover (St. Mary's) or Linda West (St.Nic's)

Email lindawest01@gmail.com

All money goes to St Mary's

OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERING

Junior Church at St Nicholas - *volunteers urgently needed*

Hayley McShane has taken over from Mary Carew as Leader of the Junior Church and urgently needs some more volunteer helpers to put on the rota. If you can help, please contact Hayley at clemeh.nh@hotmail.co.uk

Request from Mothers' Union

Mother's Union have been asked to donate items for refugees coming to the Liverpool area particularly for pregnant or new mothers. The items particularly requested are: Large size sanitary towels; breastpads; nipple cream; nice smellies for mums; baby bath foam and similar items; nappies size 0-2; baby grows/baby clothes; small blankets. Also, craft items, eg wool and needles; large saucepans.

For more information or to donate contact Sheila Bersin on 486 7565

Sheila also says: If anyone could knit some "Teddies for Tragedy", it's a good way to use up the oddments of wool. Sheila has the pattern if anyone needs it. Very easy and colourful and it's only garter stitch with stocking stitch for the head. And doesn't take long!

Donations of Raffle prizes required

The Boyzee in Halewood runs lots of activities and events supporting local children and families. Following a recent incident their much loved and much used minibus was destroyed in a fire. They are holding an event on 10 September to start raising funds for a replacement. The event will include raffles and a tombola. If anyone has any items which could be used as prizes, please pass them to Alison (after next week's pilgrimage) and they will be passed on to the group Thanks

Live Steaming of services on YouTube

Thanks to some grant funding from Community Foundation Merseyside, we have installed cameras in St Nicholas' to enable us to live stream services on YouTube. The YouTube channel is called St Nicholas St Mary's Halewood Team and the direct link



is: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_QFMMV0MxaTa38ibdkzVag.

We are streaming Sunday and Thursday morning services live and it is also available for you to watch later. You may wish to make use of this if you are unable to attend church in person for any reason.

We are live streaming Sunday services. If you subscribe to our YouTube Channel (It's free) it will make it easier to access in future.



“We asked food bank managers and users across the UK, and these are all the things people say consistently – time and time again – they need, but they are not things people often think to buy,” says Hodson. “And they make such a difference.”

1. Toilet roll

This is self-explanatory, and always necessary. “One food bank is having to ration it to one roll per household,” says Hodson.

2. Sanitary towels and tampons

“We don’t have the data on how users of the food banks break down across gender lines,” says Hodson. “When someone comes to the food bank, they’ll often pick up for the whole household.” But she adds: “[Feminine hygiene products] are an awkward thing to say that you’re short of. If you’re at the point where you can’t afford food, chances are that you’re not going to be able to afford sanitary products either.”

“It’s really important, especially in terms of dignity, to be able to cope. We’ve heard some horrible reports from some of our food banks where women were [having to use newspaper and that sort of thing](#). Obviously, you have to be resourceful in these situations and people come up with all kinds of coping mechanisms, but we’d prefer they didn’t have to cope, and that they actually were able to have what everybody else has.”

3. Tin openers

“There are all kinds of people who don’t have these, especially women who’ve been relocated because of domestic abuse,” says Hodson.

And as food banks get a lot of tinned, non-perishable food, this is a handy thing to drop off at the collection point.

4. Nappies

Generally, food banks would prefer disposable nappies over cloth nappies. “The best thing people can do is call their local food bank and find out what they need,” says Hodson.

“We get parents with children of all ages. Some of the most stark cases are women who have literally just given birth and haven’t got anything, and are really struggling as well as being a new mum.”

5. Toiletries (shampoo, shower gel, deodorant)

You know how at Christmas, lots of people get packs of toiletries they don’t want, because it’s a bit of a standard present? Bring them along to your local food bank collection point. “If people don’t want them,” says Hodson, “it’d be amazing if they gave them to the food bank, because it’s the kind of thing that makes a massive difference.”

Shaving gels and foams are also welcome.

6. Baby food

Baby food is another item that many people don’t think to include on their list of donations to food banks, says Hodson. Well, now you know. *(taken from the Foodbank website)*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Confirmation 2022

Preparation sessions

Our Confirmation Service this year will take place on Sunday 20 November at St Nicholas' Church. A number of our young people have already completed their confirmation preparation course and we are planning to run a preparation course for adults. Dates for this are 26th September, 3rd October, 10th October, 17th October, 31st October, 7th November, 14th November. The course will be held at St Hilda's at 7.30pm and is also open to others who have already been confirmed and who may want to explore their faith further or who are as yet unsure about confirmation.

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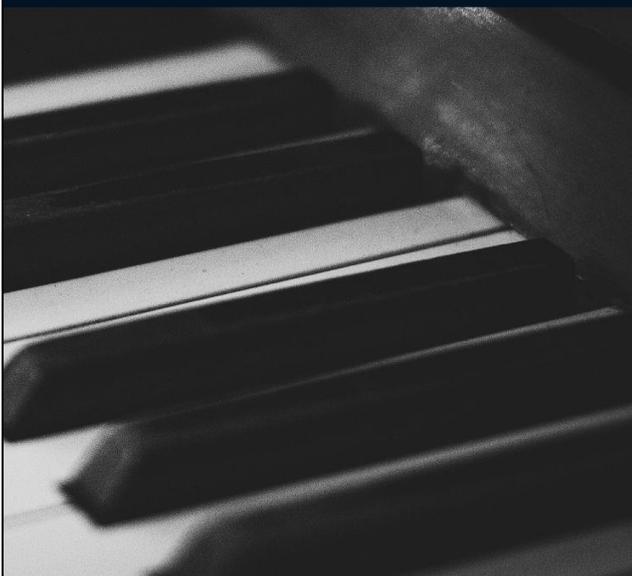
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