

RETIREMENT PARTY

I'm looking forward to the social evening on Thursday to mark my retirement at the end of September. I've had a sly look at the list of people who have said they will attend. Couldn't have wished for a nicer group of people! If you have signed up to attend and find for any reason that you are not able to attend please let us know so that your place can be taken by another.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY 1ST OCTOBER

Through Family Fast Day on Friday 1 October, we can support people around the world who are dedicating their lives to protecting God's creation "At CAFOD, we firmly believe that no one should be beyond the reach of the love and support they need to thrive. Our local experts have the passion and expertise to provide health care, food, sanitation and education to people in urgent need. There are thousands of committed individuals working on your behalf around the world during this time of crisis to show them the love that Christ shows to us."

Please place your family donation in an envelope and drop it in at church I know I can count on your generosity.

St Aidan's Singing Group: The singing group have started work already in readiness for the months ahead. I'm grateful for the work they have put into preparing for my last Sunday Mass at St Aidan's. They have made sure that congregational singing can be safely reintroduced.

The Sorcerer's Apprentice

We have only 18 tickets left for the Christmas Pantomime at the Northern Stage on December 10th. There is still time to sign up and you can do this via our webpage. If you look at the cost of pantomime tickets elsewhere you will realise what a bargain they are at only £10 each! It gives you the opportunity to get into the spirit of Christmas early and will be a really fun occasion! Tickets must be booked and paid for as soon as possible - payment to be made at the very latest by Sunday 11th October so as to benefit from this great price. Place yours ticket money in an envelope with your name on and marked for the attention of Tracey Maw. if you don't know who Tracey is, be assured that we do!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Once again it is time for our annual Shoebox Appeal overseen by St Bernadette's Church but is open to all. Please consider filling a shoebox as a Christmas gift for a needy child. Alternatively you can help by donating money towards the cost of transportation. Leaflets providing all of the relevant information can be obtained from the back of St Bernadette's church.

For further information please contact Anne Cruddace or Olive Preston.

Forward Planning: 2,275 churches took part in the 2020 Love Christmas campaign, sharing 777,000 boxes of gifts and food to those who may not otherwise have received anything. Join the webinar on Weds Oct 6 from 11am-12pm to find out more. Sign up: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4917266>



Thank you for your continued generous support of the Food Bank.

Synodal Process October 2021 - 2023

Pope Francis has initiated a two year "conversation" with the universal church. He has set out in great detail the way in which he hopes the "conversation" will take shape in the hope that it will lead to new ways of thinking, new ways of being church. Parishes will be invited to take part in the synodal journey: they will be invited to leave doors and windows open, not to limit themselves to considering only those who attend or think like you. Allow yourselves, the Pope goes on to say, to go out to meet and allow yourselves to be questioned, let their questions be your questions, allow people to walk together: the Spirit shall lead you. Do not be afraid to engage in dialogue and let yourselves be upset by dialogue." Our diocesan consultation will begin in October.