

12th January – Extra Notices

Prayer Chain

If you have an urgent prayer request, please contact Doreen Wilson (2674680) or Gill Pope (2675086) it will be passed round the prayer chain as quickly as possible in strictest confidence.

Volunteer vacancies!

We have removed the list of volunteer vacancies but had no volunteers, so please do keep considering what you could help with.

Amanda

Invitation to an Open Meeting on Minster Communities organised by Save the Parish Leicestershire – 16th January

We've received an invitation from Save the Parish, a national organisation with a local group, who are concerned about Minster Communities (a Diocesan Scheme which is seeking to resolve the problem of a £3 million p.a deficit in the Diocese by joining churches together to pool resources.) The Open Meeting will be held on Thursday, 16th January at Robert Monk Village Hall, Foxton starting at 7:30pm. For more details, copies of the Invitation are available at the back of both churches.

I do have some sympathy with Save the Parish - all the research shows that one vicar, one parish equals growth, but there isn't enough money, or even enough clergy to do that, so I don't know what the answer is and Minster Communities is the response this Diocese has come up with, with consultation in the wider Diocese before I arrived here. It would be good if at least a couple of people could go to the meeting below and feedback to the PCC, and perhaps the wider church. *Amanda*

Money!

Sorry we have to mention this, but a reminder that the most helpful way for you to give is regularly through the Parish Giving scheme. This scheme is run by the National Church and means we don't have to claim gift - they sort that for us and we receive it monthly, which is less work for the treasurer; no one in the church knows how much you give (currently the treasurer and helper do); it's secure and you can cancel at anytime. We can set up a standing order but this causes a bit more work for the treasurer. You can of course, also give on the plate on Sundays or even use the machine (though this costs us money and we can't claim any gift aid on gifts over £30). You can also use the QR code on the pews and we don't pay for this. (But we can't claim gift aid on this.) *manda*

Recycling Boxes

Thank you to those who are using our recycling station (under a table in the community area at St James) where you can dispose of your used pens, blister packs, toothpaste & brushes, printer ink cartridges, Babybel left overs (you can put the wax outers in; the outer wrappers; and the net bags) Please note: Only Babybel net bags can be put in the Babybel recycling box." Also some types of beauty products packets, (please only put in things you can't recycle elsewhere – in particular, shampoo, bottles etc - they can go in your green bin, so please put them there instead. There is a picture on the side of the box to help you. We do raise funds from the ink cartridges but the others do not gain us money - they do, however, help us to protect God's beautiful creation! You can also recycle phones and stamps for Mothers Union funds. Thank you so much.