

*******DATES FOR YOUR DIARY*******

Sunday 9th September – Final date for suggestions for the **CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE** – see article on Tattenham Corner Christmas Fair.

Tuesday 11th September – **MESSY MUNCHKINS** and **MESSY CHURCH** restart.

Saturday 15th September 12-3pm **PRESTON PARK COMMUNITY EVENT** will be held in the park near Tadworth Leisure Centre. There will be face painting, fun stalls and local choirs including Sing! Come and have a fun day! If you are able to help out on the St Mark's run craft table let Liz know.

Hear more about **BLYTHSWOOD CARE** who will be distributing our shoeboxes this year

Saturday 22rd & 29th September from 10-4 Training, at Princess Alice Hospice, for helping at the **BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ** We are looking for new people to help at the Café, which is run in conjunction with Princess Alice Hospice. The Café is held once a month on a Saturday from 10 am to 12 noon at St Mark's Church. The training is excellent and although geared toward those who help run the bereavement café, would also be useful for anyone dealing with the bereaved. Talk to Des for more info or email admin@stmarkschurch.me.uk

Sunday September 30th at 10 am will be our **HARVEST SERVICE**. We will celebrate God's generosity together and bless our community by donating food to our local Foodbank

Sunday October 7th 6.30 pm **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** will be marked by the Sutton Methodist Circuit with a service at Sutton Trinity Church. Go along for a challenging and thought provoking evening learning about Black History in our nation

Thursday 11th October 7.30pm Danny Wignall, the newest member of the Guildford Diocese Parish Development team, will be the guest speaker at the next **EPSOM DEANERY SYNOD** to be held at St John's, Stoneleigh. Danny is full of ideas and stories about how we can grow and develop as a church community. See Des or Anne Nelson, our deanery synod rep. If you have any questions about synod.

Friday 12th October - As a fun way of raising funds for our Children's and Family work we will be having a **GIN NIGHT**. The theme will be 'Autumn Gin' and Rhubarb Gin will be the feature. If you like gin or socialising or both make sure you put the date in your diary! The 'Winter Gin' night will take place on 14th December in the Star Trail!

Sunday 14th October **CALLING ALL YOUNG RYTHMICS!** Fun & Faith will be joining with Banstead youth group to enjoy a drumming night with Psalm Drummers. This is a fun workshop with percussion instruments of all shapes and sizes. Anyone from school year 5 and up is very welcome. See Des for more details

Thursday 18th October **CONFIRMATION** is when God confirms his call on our lives and when we confirm our commitment to follow Christ. St Mark's will be hosting a Confirmation service with Bishop Andrew. If you would like to find out more or request that you be confirmed please speak to Des

Saturday 1st December We have started planning for the 4th year of **TATTENHAM CORNER CHRISTMAS**. The Christmas Tree light up will be on 1st December. It has been decided that the raffle prizes for this event will be, as last year, baskets containing a selection of items around a theme. Last year St. Mark's provided a basket with an assortment of craft things, but I would love to receive ideas as to what we could do this year. e.g. gardening equipment, toiletries. The money from the raffle this year will go to Epsom Downs Children's Centre which is under considerable financial strain but does such amazing work within the community. Liz T