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Access onto Zoom from 9.45am

See separate Document

NOTICES – 19 July 2020

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION. As I am working from home can you please send any emails to me on info@beckminsterchurch.co.uk and telephone me on 01902 761322. Due to holidays, as from Monday, 27 July I will only be working on a Thursday and Friday. After the bank holiday on 31 August, I will revert back to normal working. Sue.

CASH FOR CURLS! Are you looking forward to finally going to the hairdressers and seeing your locks fall down at the end of “lockdown”? At least, like most of us you will have saved some cash by not having your usual hair do. How about donating some, or all of it to help make up the shortfall afflicting charities across the world during the Covid 19 crisis? You are invited to join our “Cash for Curls” Appeal by making a one off donation to **ALL WE CAN.** You can do this by donating on line on their website; www.allwecan.org.uk or by phone 020 7467 5132 Or you could send a cheque payable to ALL WE CAN - to Sue Reed, 3 Castlecroft Lane WV3 8JX. Alternatively, there will be a plate at the back of the church during the private prayer sessions on Thursday afternoons. Many Thanks. Wendy Bate.

GDPR. In these difficult times we have been given email addresses of the congregation who wish to be asked to Zoom services or kept up to date with Church news. It is very important that this data is treated with respect and the GDPR rules are observed. Please can you make sure that when you email anyone you pick the BCC choice when entering email addresses. This will ensure that the data is not passed on to anyone else. Thank you. Mrs. Janet Fenney
- Admin Assistant & GDPR.

FAIR TRADE NEWS:

Nestle have announced that from October their Kitkat bars will no longer carry the fair trade mark. Currently both the cocoa and sugar in the bars are bought on fair trade terms and the payment of the fair trade premium has made a huge difference to farmers in West Africa and elsewhere.

Nestle are introducing a Cocoa Plan and buying sugar beet from Europe which will leave sugar cane farmers without this market. The news comes at a time when farmers in the global south are struggling to cope with the Covid 19 pandemic.

Cocoa farmers in West Africa earn on average 74p per day, little more than ONE Kitkat bar.

Ivorian farmers have written a letter to Nestle, expressing their huge anxieties over the move, which you can find on the Fairtrade Foundation website.

On visits to fair trade producers in India, Phil and I heard more than one producer group lament that the fairtrade mark is being devalued by the inclusion of large companies who are not 100% committed to the movement. Sadly Nestle, following Cadburys and Sainsburys, rather prove their point.

Please show you care in whatever way you can:

Read the full report on the Fairtrade Foundaton website.

Don't buy Kitkat bars and where possible avoid other Nestle products.

If you feel able, write to Nestle CEO in Britain to say why you are not buying their products. Address: 1 City Place, Gatwick, RH6 0PA.

You can make a positive swap to fair trade items and the Traidcraft online shop is well stocked with sweet treats.

News from Wolverhampton Fair Traid: Many thanks to churches who managed to sell Easter Eggs before lockdown. Wolverhampton Fairtrade is not currently open although I have been able to supply some loyal customers who are desperate for their chocolate fix!

In Fairtrade Fortnight the shop had stalls in the Mander Centre and the Civic Centre where trade was brisk and we were hopeful of better things to come. That seems like another world and it is too early to share with you our plans for the future.

Of course, grocery items have a limited shelf life and we have been able to support the Good Shepherd Ministry by offering them food items which were nearing their 'best before' dates. We are due to take a third parcel sometime this month.

We hope it will not be too long before we are able to work with you again.

Thank you

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GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRY. We ask our members to remember that the GSM is continuing its work during this difficult period. Those members who donate goods via Beckminster on a weekly basis are invited to make an on-line donation if possible so that this invaluable work is funded during this time. If you wish to continue to make tins etc. available, please contact John Ashwood.

Friends

Please see our church newsletter (which you will see is in a separate document on the website) which we had hoped to distribute at our faith event back in April, but this was not meant to be. Brothers Charles, Stephen and William have written the introduction for this as it was the Brothers' vision which started the Good Shepherd many years ago and has underpinned our values and desire to support the marginalised and vulnerable in society ever since.

The last few months have been difficult and challenging for so many individuals for so many different reasons and the Covid-19 pandemic has meant we have had to change the way we do things.

With this in mind we have been thinking ahead and would like to ask churches if they would kindly do a collection for our work instead of the normal very generous harvest donations as we are unsure how things will be operating later this year.

We have been blessed over the last few months with support from businesses, restaurants and pubs who have donated large supplies of stock and this has helped us enormously in the food we serve and the increased volumes we are catering for.

All money donated for harvest will be used to replenish stock now and for the next twelve months. The Good Shepherd is currently running without volunteers and are concerned about how we would cope with a large volume of items coming in and the small areas we have to sort stock. We would also like to change the way we support families and incorporate fresh produce in the food we distribute with suggestions and ingredients which will enable many to cook a variety of healthy meals.

Wishing you all the best during these difficult times and thanking you for your continuing support and generosity towards the Good Shepherd.

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