

Our Parish Liturgy

This Week (Sts Peter & Paul A)

DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 1
ENTRANCE HYMN	18.00 876 09.00 876 11.00 Musicians
PENITENTIAL ACT	Spoken
GLORIA	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
FIRST READING	Acts 12:1-11 <i>'Now I am sure that the Lord has rescued me from the hand of Herod.'</i>
PSALM RESPONSE	<i>From all my terrors the Lord set me free.</i>
SECOND READING	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 <i>'There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.'</i>
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.'</i> <i>Alleluia!</i>
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 16:13-19 <i>'You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.'</i>
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	18.00 863 09.00 863 11.00 Musicians
SANCTUS	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
GREAT AMEN	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Spoken
OUR FATHER	18.00 Spoken 09.00 Spoken 11.00 Musicians
AGNUS DEI	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
COMMUNION ANTIPHON	<i>Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.</i>
THANKSGIVING	18.00 964 09.00 964 11.00 Musicians

RECESSION	18.00 372 09.00 372 11.00 Musicians
Next Week (14 A)	
DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 2
FIRST READING	Zechariah 9:9-10 <i>'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble.'</i>
PSALM RESPONSE	<i>I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.</i>
SECOND READING	Romans 8:9, 11-13 <i>'If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.'</i>
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 11:25-30 <i>'I am gentle and lowly in heart.'</i>
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MARRIAGE MATTERS

In his Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis offers a profound insight into the joy of Christian marriage and reminds us of its place at the very heart of the Church's life. Christian marriage, he observes, 'is a sign of how much Christ loved his Church in the covenant sealed on the cross, yet it also makes that love present in the communion of the spouses. By becoming one flesh, they embody the espousal of our human nature by the Son of God.'

As we know, the Holy Scriptures feed and nourish our faith and help us to grow in our relationship with God and one another. It is for this reason that these scriptural reflections are offered. They should help enable married couples to focus on the richness of God's Word that we hear proclaimed each Sunday of the Year and to experience the deep joy of God's love expressed in the great Sacrament of Marriage.

THE POWER OF LOVE



Peter, the denier, and Paul, the persecutor, both familiar with failure, were overwhelmed by the power of love and gave up their own lives. Let us rejoice in our calling to love as Jesus did, to lay down our lives for each other, willingly and gladly. Our lives might be the only Bible that some people will ever read.

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THIS WEEK:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Mo 1 Kgs. 20-22
Tu 2 Chr. 18-23
We Obadiah, Ps. 82-83
Th 2 Kgs. 1-7
Fr 2 Kgs. 8-11

Financial News . . .

Weekend of 21/06/26

1st Plate £ 456:31
Standing Orders £ 755:00
Contactless £ 125:00
1st Total £ 1,336:31
2nd Total £ 244:00
Day For Life

Thankyou for your continuing generosity to your Parish.

2nd Collection . . .

This Weekend 28/06/26

Peter's Pence

Parishioners are unable to make this tax efficient.

Next Weekend 05/07/26

HCPT (151) Pilgrimage Trust

Parishioners are unable to make this tax efficient.

Bite Size . . .

Where the loser saw barriers, the winner saw hurdles.

Robert Brault

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On this rock I will build my Church . . .

Poor Paul! He came late to the Jesus movement. He never knew the historical Jesus or even witnessed Jesus' earthly ministry. So of course there is nothing in any of the four gospels about Paul. He first arrives on the scene in the Acts of the Apostles, where he is present during Stephen's stoning. Paul then persecutes Jesus' followers. By the time he was finally baptised, his reputation among the disciples was so awful that they would not believe he had become a follower of Jesus. Though Paul eventually reached a mortal understanding with the leaders of the Jesus movement in Jerusalem, it appears to have been a misunderstanding as the battle of words between Peter and Paul in Antioch would reveal (Gal. 2:1-4).

These two pillars of the Church, Peter and Paul, did not quite see eye to eye on all issues. According to Acts, it's possible that they spent no more than a few weeks together throughout their entire lives. But they are eventually united as 'founders' of the Church in Rome, even though there was a thriving Christian community there before either set foot in the city. Their shared title of 'founder' comes from the legends that each was martyred there; Paul was beheaded and Peter was crucified upside down.

Our Gospel this weekend gives us a seminal episode in Peter's life. In fact, according to Matthew's gospel, it was this episode whereby Jesus named Simon son of Jonah, 'Peter,' which means rock, as he and his confession would be the rock on which the Church was built. Peter's confession of Jesus as 'the Christ . . . the Son of the living God' is a hallmark of the New Testament. Matthew expands the story from what he found in Mark, giving more authority to Peter. Matthew mentions the terms 'rock' and 'Church,' which are not found in the Markan story. The Matthean story, even

more than the Markan story, elevates the importance of Peter and sets the stage for later theological developments concerning the primacy of Peter, and therefore the primacy of the pope.

But today's solemnity is not for Peter only. It is for Peter and Paul. And thirteen letters, or about twenty-five percent of the New Testament, are attributed to Paul, a self-described apostle who did not witness the historical Jesus, and who seems to have been at odds on some issues with Peter. All of this is to say that no one person, not even Peter or Paul, has a complete lock on what it means to be a follower of Jesus. There is more than one way to live as a disciple. Moreover, being a disciple means not that there will be complete unanimity of opinion on all issues. Instead, being a disciple means simply being a follower of Jesus. These two disciples, apostles even, are our examples for today, each in his own way.

ST. PETER AND PAUL



QUESTION OF THE WEEK . . .

- Have you ever found yourself possessing the 'keys of the kingdom' that 'unlocked' God's grace to someone, or has someone 'unlocked' such grace for you?
- When have you had an exchange like the one between Jesus and Peter in which a rift was healed, a chasm was crossed, a relationship was restored?

Before Mass - Talk to God During Mass - Listen to God After Mass - Talk to your friends

Parish Office

Normal Office Hours : Monday to Friday 09.30 - 12.30.

Parish Secretary : Sarah Cox (01932) 860244
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Newsletter Editorial : Items for possible inclusion in the Parish Newsletter (if there is room) need to be received (in writing please) at the Parish Office by midday on Wednesday.

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General Parish Information

Parishioner Registration : Every household within the Parish is requested to complete a 'Parishioner Registration/Census' form so that our Parish records may be kept up to date. These forms can be obtained from the Parish Office and should be completed fully before being returned to the Parish Office.

Should you move address within the Parish at any time please complete a new form and write 'AMENDMENT' across the top of the form. Thank you.

Hospital : If you are going into hospital as a 'planned admission' you are strongly encouraged to make contact with Fr Daryl well beforehand so that, if appropriate, the Sacrament of the Sick can be celebrated beforehand.

Infant Baptism : Infant Baptisms are intended for the children of practising parishioners only and are celebrated on five occasions during the year after parents and godparents have completed a course of preparation. There can be no celebration without this important course. The dates of the courses for the current year can be found in the application form available from the Parish Office. Baptisms do not take place during the seasons of Advent or Lent.

Sacramental Preparation : Notice of the availability of Application Forms for preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will be made via the Parish Newsletter between the school Summer Half Term and 31st August each year. Possible candidates for Confirmation should respond to the announcements made via the Parish Newsletter at the beginning of the Autumn school term.

Parishioners are advised that it is very difficult to imagine that any family or individual who is not regularly practising the Faith as members of our community could possibly be ready to celebrate a Sacrament of the Church.

Marriage Preparation : Marriages are celebrated by appointment with the Parish Priest. It should be remembered that in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton twelve months minimum notice is required before a marriage may take place; this is a requirement of the Church for all marriages that involve a Roman Catholic (even if they are not taking place in the Catholic Church). It is also necessary that one of the parties must have a meaningful connection with the Parish. Marriages do not take place during the seasons of Advent or Lent.

Parish Car Park : All Parishioners attending Mass and using our Car Park need to make sure that they have fully completed our 'Parishioner Registration/Census Form' (available from the Parish Office) before using the Car Park; this ensures that your current vehicle registration is lodged in the system. Registering only needs to be done once (unless you change your car or if you use another car in the family that is not registered on the system).

Important : if you are not registered on the system and you use the car park you will receive a parking notice.

Registered Parishioners and pre-registered visitors are able to park whilst they attend our Masses/liturgies without fear of a charge notice.

(Car Park queries - parking@shpcobham.com)

NOTE : the Car Park does not use QR codes any found are **scams!**



Church Mouse (cub reporter). . .

The musings of one of God's smallest creatures on events in and around the Parish over the past seven days . . .

Like everyone else in the south of England Fr D has been trying to cope with all the unusually hot weather that we have been experiencing this week. Fr D doesn't like being hot at the best of times (and would far rather be having to deal with extreme cold).

After the morning Masses and a celebration of Infant Baptism last Sunday Fr D was expected at an 80th Birthday Party in his first parish as a parish priest (Reigate). The 'birthday girl' was someone who Fr D first met in his first year at the seminary in 1982 when he was working one afternoon a week in her class at a primary school to get some pastoral experience. In the event Fr D stayed visiting the school in question for two years (it was also when he met Fr Tony Clarke who some parishioners will remember as Parish Priest of the Sacred Heart). Many years later, when he was made Parish Priest of Reigate, he met up once more with the (now retired) deputy-head.

Following Morning Prayer, Mass, and Exposition on Tuesday morning, Fr D was off down to the diocesan offices in Crawley to continue his work at the Tribunal where he is working on getting another two cases to the point where they can be judged by himself, as the presiding judge, and two associate judges. When he returned late in the afternoon he got himself ready to meet for the last time with the parents of this year's First Eucharist children. To everyone's satisfaction the session do not take too long and everyone was home in time for 'the big match!'

After Morning Prayer and Mass on Wednesday Fr D had some work to do concerning the Pastoral Plan for the Deanery before a quick lunch. He was then picked up by parishioners and taken to Lord's cricket ground in London to watch the England vs West Indies women's T20 match. Fr D was really surprised by the whole format of the match (lots of very loud music, almost between each ball), but was greatly relieved that their seating area was under shade.

Owing to the cricket and the heat Fr D had real trouble waking up on Thursday morning. Following Morning Prayer and Mass he was off down to Crawley again, making in-roads on his present cases. When he returned in the evening he was meeting the parents of four infants who will be baptised in July, before the summer holidays.

After Morning Prayer and Mass on Friday Fr D was at Notre Dame School where he celebrated with those children in the school who have recently celebrated their First Eucharist



CHILDREN'S WORD SEARCH STS PETER & PAUL YEAR A

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STEPHEN	CONVERT	CESAREA	APOSTLE	ANTIOCH
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SILAS	SAINT	BLIND	SAUL	ROME

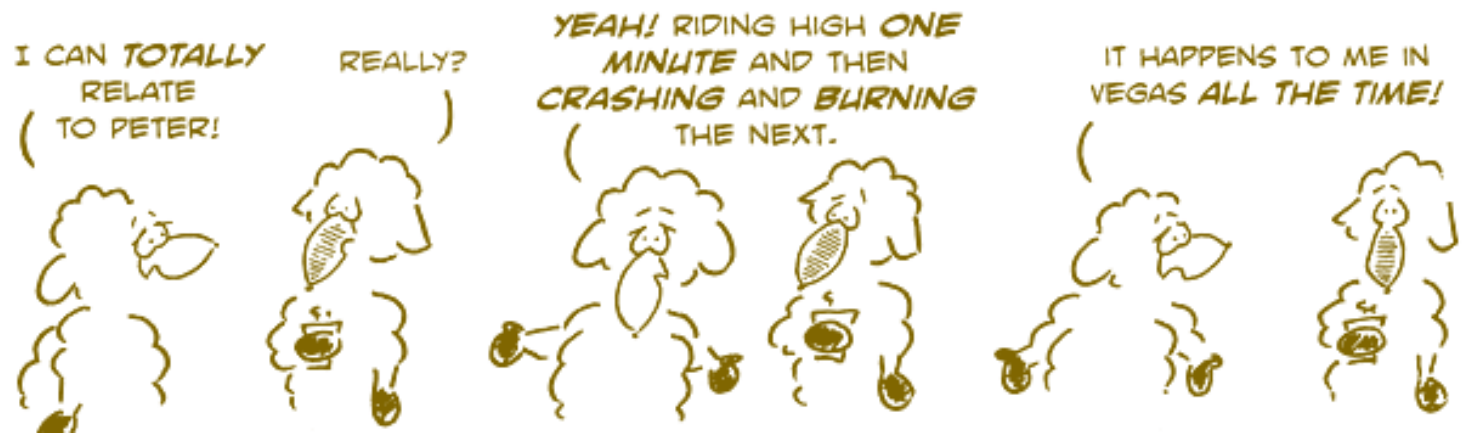
JESUS SAID TO PETER, "YOU ARE THE ROCK!"

Matthew 16:13-19

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

LECTIO:

Jesus wishes to know what people think of Him. The answers are quite varied: John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets. When Jesus asks the disciples' opinion, Peter replies in their name: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!" Peter's reply is not new. On a previous occasion, when Jesus walked on the water, the other disciples had made a similar profession of faith: "Truly You are the Son of God!" This is an acknowledgment that in Jesus the prophecies of the Old Testament are fulfilled. In John's Gospel, Martha makes the same profession of faith: "You are the Christ, the Son of God who is come into the world." Being rock as foundation of the faith, recalls to mind the word of God to the people in exile in Babylonia: "Listen to me, you who pursue justice, who seek the Lord; look to the rock from which you were hewn, to the pit from which you were quarried; look to Abraham, your father, and to Sara, who gave you birth; when he was but one, I called him, I blessed him and made him many." When applied to Peter, this quality of foundation stone points to a new beginning for the people of God.



MEDITATIO:

- Today there are many who want to put themselves before Jesus and His message. They come with an attitude that distorts His words, often for personal gain. Can you see and identify some of them? What rebuke might they be deserving of?
- Who do the people think Jesus is? Who do Peter and the disciples think Jesus is?
- There can be many ways to deny Jesus, for instance, to be embarrassed to discuss such things in "polite company". Have I ever denied Jesus?
- Peter is rock in two ways: what are they?
- What kind of rock is our community?

ORATIO:

Read Psalm 103

CONTEMPLATIO:

Lord Jesus, we thank You for the word that has enabled us to understand better the will of the Father. May Your Spirit enlighten our actions and grant us the strength to practice that which Your Word has revealed to us. May we, like Mary, Your mother, not only listen the Word but also practice it. You who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit forever and ever.

Day	Date	Time	Service / Intention	Donor
Sat.	27 th June	Ferial Weekday		
Sacrament of Reconciliation				
☐ Live-Stream / Recorded		18.00	Holy Souls	
Sun.	28 th June	STS PETER & PAUL, YEAR A		
☐ Live-Stream / Recorded		09.00	Rev. Fr Niall Thornton †	DCA
☐ Live-Stream / Recorded		11.00	For the Parishioners	
Mon.	29 th June	Ferial Weekday		
No Service Today				
Mass 10.00 at Leatherhead				
Tue.	30 th June	First Martyrs of Rome		
☐ Live-Streamed		09.00	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 41 & 493]
☐ Live-Streamed		09.30	Dorothy & Maud Allen †	J. & E. Yates
☐ Live-Streamed		10.00 - 11.00	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for Private Prayer	
Wed.	1 st July	Dedication of Arundel Cathedral		
☐ Live-Streamed		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 51 & 493]
☐ Live-Streamed		09.30	Larry Allen †	J. & E. Yates
Thu.	2 nd July	Ferial Weekday		
☐ Live-Streamed		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 60 & 493]
☐ Live-Streamed		09.30	Genevieve Yelling- Good Estate	J. & E. Yates
Fri.	3 rd July	St Thomas, Apostle (Day of Abstinence)		
☐ Live-Streamed		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 71 & 493]
☐ Live-Streamed		09.30	In Honour and Reparation to the Sacred Heart (First Friday)	M.
Sat.	4 th July	Ferial Weekday		
☐ Live-Stream / Recorded		17.00 - 17.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
☐ Live-Stream / Recorded		18.00	Jack Ellory †	B. Ellory
Sun.	5 th July	14 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A		
☐ Live-Stream / Recorded		09.00	Kolber Family	L. Kolber
☐ Live-Stream / Recorded		11.00	For the Parishioners	

Mass may be offered for both the living and the dead and also for most other intentions. We do our best to try and accommodate specific dates but this can be especially difficult on weekends and at less than three months notice. 'Mass Intentions' are published in the Parish Newsletter on the weekend before they are celebrated although sometimes a Requiem Mass will 'bump' an intention to a later date.

First Martyrs of Rome

There were Christians in Rome within a dozen or so years after the death of Jesus, though they were not the converts of the "Apostle of the Gentiles" (Romans 15:20). Saint Paul had not yet visited them at the time he wrote his great letter in 57-58 A.D. There was a large Jewish population in Rome. Probably as a result of controversy between Jews and Jewish Christians, the Emperor expelled all Jews from Rome in 49-50 A.D. Suetonius the

historian says that the expulsion was due to many disturbances in the city "caused by the certain Christus" [Christ]. Perhaps many came back after the Emperor's death in 54 A.D. Paul's letter was addressed to a Church with members from both Jewish and Gentile backgrounds. In July of 64 A.D., more than half of Rome was destroyed by fire. Rumour blamed the tragedy on Nero, who wanted to enlarge his palace. He shifted the blame by accusing

the Christians. According to the historian Tacitus, many Christians were put to death because of their "hatred of the human race." Peter and Paul were probably among the victims. Threatened by an army revolt and condemned to death by the senate, Nero committed suicide in 68 A.D. at the age of 31.

DATE / MASS	WELCOME MINISTERS	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	REPOSITORY AFTER MASS
SATURDAY 14 A 04/07/26 18.00	Still Required; please offer	G. Alby	N/A at present	P. Hunt A. Essien
SUNDAY 14 A 05/07/26 09.00	Still Required; please offer	G. Fisher	D. McEvoy P. Carello	B. Harris M. Jethwa
SUNDAY 14 A 05/07/26 11.00	Still Required; please offer	J. Foster	P. Hourquebie C. Hourquebie	L. Farris V. Rose

PLEASE REMEMBER : If you are unable to complete your particular ministry then it is **your responsibility** to arrange cover with another minister. In this way our Sunday Liturgies will run in a smooth and prayerful way.



OUR PARISH SUPPORTS THE COBHAM AREA FOODBANK

UPDATED LIST OF WANTED ITEMS



Are you able to help local people in crisis by purchasing items on the list below and placing them in the Foodbank's collection point in the narthex when you come to Mass at the weekend? Thank You!

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| ⇒ UHT Fruit Juice | ⇒ Bleach |
| ⇒ UHT Semi-Skimmed Milk | ⇒ Tinned Meat |
| ⇒ Fruit Squash | ⇒ Tinned Tomatoes |
| ⇒ Tinned Soup | ⇒ Tinned Fish |
| ⇒ Tinned Spaghetti Hoops | ⇒ Tinned Fruit |
| ⇒ Sponge Puddings | ⇒ Honey |
| ⇒ Tinned Rice Pudding | ⇒ Antibacterial Multipurpose Spray |
| ⇒ Marmite | ⇒ Shower Gel |
| ⇒ Hair Shampoo & Hair Conditioner | ⇒ Sanitary Pads |
| ⇒ Laundry Powder / Liquid / Capsules | ⇒ Baby Wipes |

Prayers Please



FOR THOSE UNWELL AT THIS TIME:

Sr Anne Bayley, Norma Begley, Judith Carson, Maggie Dongray, Tom Delbridge, Jonica Fox, Fiona Frank, Maureen Garner, baby Naomi Hunt, Michael Nutter, Fr Sebastian Paul, Pascal Smyth, Anne Sproul and John Wilkey.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Florence Daly †
Fionnuala Kay †
Fr John Healy †
Fr Raymond Blake †

HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION:

" let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God."

For those who are unwell.....

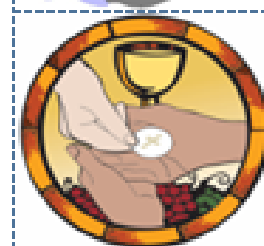
those who have died recently....

those whose anniversaries occur.....

the Holy Father's Prayer Intention....

NEW 2026-7 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES APPLICATIONS FORMS

Our new season of Sacramental Applications are now available.



⇒ **Infant Baptism Applications** can be obtained from the Parish Office (during the normal office hours - please remember that baptism is for Registered Parishioners only who are regularly attending our Sunday and Holy Day Masses). These should be completed and returned to the Parish Office a minimum of two weeks before the chosen course.

⇒ **First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Applications** can be obtained (by parents only - not friends or grandparents) from the sacristy after Sunday Mass. Please Note: it is very hard to imagine that someone who is not already a regular member of our worshipping community could possibly be ready to celebrate either of these important sacraments at this time. These too should be completed and returned to The Presbytery by 18.00 on 31st August 2026 (no late applications can be accepted, sorry).

⇒ **Confirmation Applications** are not available yet as the diocese has not given a date for the Confirmation Mass next year so Fr D cannot produce an appropriate schedule for the course. Once he has a date he will make details known.



DREAMS FOR HOPE - a local charity run by one of our parishioners (Jim Vizzini), provides beds for children in and around the Borough of Elmbridge who are suffering from bed poverty. Our local Waitrose in Cobham have chosen his charity to take part in the Community Matters Scheme, one of only three charities to have been picked. The scheme runs from July 1st to September 30th and you can help by dropping a token into the "Dreams For Hope" box when you exit the store.

Jim would like to thank everyone in advance for their great generosity.



Life-Changing Pilgrimage Holidays

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HCPT (GROUP 151) PILGRIMAGE TRUST

- Next weekend parishioners will be able to discover more about what Fr D does in Lourdes after Easter each year. The leader of the group that Fr D goes to Lourdes with each year is coming to talk about what it's all about and to make an appeal for funds to enable the group to continue taking special needs children on the pilgrimage.

Since 1956, HCPT has offered life-changing week-long pilgrimage holidays to Lourdes, France, for special needs children. Such holidays are with small groups of prepared volunteer helpers. HCPT groups stay in hotels whilst in Lourdes.

HCPT pilgrimages are organised through a network of local groups across the UK and beyond. Each group is led by experienced volunteer Group Leaders and supported by a dedicated team of helpers, nurses, and group chaplains. Groups typically meet in the months before the pilgrimage to prepare. They travel together as a group - often by plane, train, or coach - and stay together in Lourdes for the week, taking part in HCPT's full programme of fun.

The cost of the pilgrimage is just over **£1,000 per person**, although this can vary slightly depending on the group and travel arrangements. This includes return travel, full board accommodation, insurance, medical support, and access to all HCPT events in Lourdes. HCPT does not expect children to pay for their pilgrimage - each group fundraises to cover these costs, so that every child can travel regardless of their circumstances.

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How to join the GiftAid Scheme

Just complete a simple Declaration ie your full name and address - that's all. It contains a statement that you understand that you must pay enough tax to cover the amount being reclaimed along with information on your privacy.

You also indicate on the Declaration how you are going to make your donations i.e. by standing order (preferred option) or weekly numbered envelopes. You can set up the standing order yourself or a form can be provided. If you choose envelopes they will be provided. The Declaration will be registered and returned for your records.

Many donors ask how much they should donate but more of that next time!