

News from the pews - 30 September

Dear friends,

I hope you found Sunday's service with guest speaker Val Dufour from Tearfund as moving as I did. Tearfund are doing incredible work among those in need, especially (as we heard) in Syria and Lebanon. As we did not take a collection for their work in church, if you are able to make a donation, please go to www.tearfund.org/tamam and specify that the response follows hearing a guest speak at St John's.

You can view the service here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y69f6rrSuM4>

All Age Harvest – Sunday September 4th 10:30am

A reminder that this coming Sunday we have an All Age **Harvest** Celebration in church. Due to the COVID restrictions, we are not decorating the church or collecting perishables. However, any donations of dry or tinned goods are welcome and will go to Stowmarket Foodbank. You can also donate to the foodbank online here: <https://donate.kindlink.com/new-life--suffolk-/2120>

Zoom Quiz Night - Saturday October 10th



Please let John Evans know SOON if you can be part of this "fun" family quiz that is not too brain-numbing over Zoom. Teams are small – even a team of just 2 people is absolutely fine. Don't be put off if you live in a small household. Teams of up to four plus children if under 16. Cost is £7.00 donation plus 2 games of hands on heads. John can be contacted on 01449 781251 or email johnevan21@btinternet.com

Annual Church Meetings – Monday October 12th 7:30pm

As you know, due to COVID, we were unable to hold our annual meetings back in April. We will, therefore, be holding these on Monday October 12th at 7:30pm online using Zoom. We will keep it as short as possible. The meeting will include election of churchwardens and PCC members and reports from the treasurer, churchwarden and rector. There will also be the opportunity for questions.

We currently only have one church warden and are short of PCC members. If you feel God is calling you to help, please let the rector or Mike Brown know.

As with all our Zoom meetings, you can join using this link, which will prompt you to install Zoom and take you to the meeting. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6852951296>

If you already have Zoom installed, go to Zoom

Enter the Meeting ID: 685 295 1296

Enter Password: 816262

By telephone dial either one of the following and follow instructions with meeting id and passcode above.

0203 901 7895 United Kingdom

0131 460 1196 United Kingdom

Teddy Tombola!

Can you re-home this adorable teddy bear? He could be yours for just £1!



How? Make a £1 (or more) donation to St John's Church Elmswell via our Virgin Giving Page (link below)

When? Before the end of September 2020

All entries will be "put in a hat" and a winner drawn at random! Winner will be announced on our website and Facebook page – stay tuned! Winner to collect (covid-secure) Teddy from Elmswell, Suffolk. Thanks for playing and raising money for our charity.

Link: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/StJohnsElmswell>

Sunday Services:

Sun 4 Oct 10:30am All Age **Harvest** Celebration in church.

Sun 11 Oct 9:30am Zoom **Sunday School for** primary school ages. Contact Lisa for details.

Sun 11 Oct 10:30am Service in Church (Genesis 1) with the **Lord's Supper**

Sun 18 Oct 9:30am Zoom **Sunday School for** primary school ages. Contact Lisa for details.

Sun 18 Oct 10:30am Service in Church (Genesis 2) – Parish Praise

Sun 25 Oct 9:30am Zoom **Sunday School for** primary school ages. Contact Lisa for details.

Sun 25 Oct 10:30am Service in Church (Genesis 3) with the **Lord's Supper**

All 10:30am services will also be streamed live on Facebook and will be available on YouTube from noon.

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- Services of Night Prayer continue to be streamed online at 8:00pm every Tuesday and Thursday.
- The church prayer meeting is every Saturday at 9:00am (Zoom)
- Coffee and Chat over Zoom is every Saturday at 10:30am

God bless.

