

Parish Notices Sunday 13th September 2020

Please pray for:

Mon: The Licensing Service, and the Welcome service at St Mary's today, and the Bowes-Smith family as they begin life and ministry in Chesham

Tues: Our local schools and their staff teams, and all pupils who have returned to school, as they adapt to a changed environment; Simon Winn taking a service for the residents of Liberty Court this morning.

Wed: National and Local Government and all those with authority, making decisions about local lockdowns and economic support;

Thu: Volunteer organisations supporting the most vulnerable – FoodBank, CAP Debt counselling, Community Fridge, the FoodLife project, etc

Fri: Small business owners, and others facing redundancy or other particular financial challenges. .

Sat: Church leaders, nationally and locally - our witness in Chesham and the villages.

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PCC Meeting

Wednesday 16th

September via "zoom"

The Parish Office remains operational, Lynette will be based there. Please contact by telephone or email but please do not come in person.

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Dear friends across the Parish,

The wait is almost over... Edward, Liz, Hannah, Joshua and Hester Bowes-Smith have now arrived in Chesham, are settling into the Rectory, and preparing for the start of life and ministry in the Parish – a wonderful answer to the prayers of so many over the last 12 months. We are thankful to God for this family, and it will be great to meet and welcome them - so don't miss the **Welcome Service this coming Monday 14th, at 7.30pm**, being livestreamed on the St Mary's YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFfGbEm3YyWxN0o4-ISNYaw>. The more formal licensing and induction service will also be livestreamed on the same link at 11am on Monday morning.

These are not easy days to begin a new ministry with all the restrictions on gatherings, and so let's do all we can to welcome the whole family, and let's commit ourselves to pray regularly for Edward as he begins the task of meeting countless people at St Mary's and the districts, of leading our large and complex Parish, and doing the vital work of preaching, praying and pastoring. Let's pray that in this new season we might see God at work in our town as the good news of the gospel is lived and shared by us all.

With love in Christ,
John

Real Lives Chesham 2020 - one month to go!

What's happening? 3 Christian testimonies from an Olympic rower, a former UVF terrorist and an NHS worker; 3 stories of the saving power of Christ; 3 chances to share with our family and friends the amazing hope we have.

When's it happening? In the week of the 11th to 18th October

Where's it happening? In our homes and with our friends via a dedicated website: www.realliveschesham.org plus the videos may be shown at events in our churches

How can you get involved? Join us on 23rd at 8pm to pray and look out for further notices over the coming weeks containing more information.

For **more info email** or to get involved, email: info@realliveschesham.org