

Father Hugh Writes:

The table top sale raised £280.32 for which many thanks, an excellent result and shows that we should keep nibbling away at raising monies for our development projects.

I propose another in a few weeks time perhaps either on 3rd or 17th November. It must not be too complicated otherwise it becomes onerous, but any extra preserves that you might be making now, you might set aside a jar or two for sale.

Thank you too for the second donation for the new trees. Five are now planted and I will get the others in as and when time permits. This is a good time for planting whilst the ground is warm and roots can begin to establish.

You will see that the bed by the hall entrance is now partially replanted with a mixture of low shrubs and herbaceous with the Red double Hawthorn (*Crataegus* 'Paul's Scarlet') in the centre. Changing the planting will improve the sight lines as we access the carpark.

St John Henry Newman: The local Catenian Association have produced a folded leaflet with a short biography of our new saint to be canonised next Sunday. Please do take one. St John Henry Newman is the first English saint in approximately 40 years. His feast day remains this Wednesday, October 9th.

Next Sunday you have the opportunity to contribute to the work of PACT, The Prisons Advice and Care Trust. It is prisoners Sunday. I would emphasise that it is a voluntary collection.

You may have seen the short items on BBC South Today on the complexities of HMP Winchester during the week. That prison is not alone in its struggles. The ITV programme on Thursday nights "Inside Prison" makes interesting viewing too.

Thursday night your Finance committee meet to review how we are doing financially. I'm grateful to them all for their time and expertise for this important part of our parish life.

From Sunday 22nd until the end of the month we had 4" rain approx., a huge amount in such a short time. In many gardens things are looking somewhat bedraggled!

For the Jewish people the Day of Atonement is this Wednesday, a significant day in their calendar.

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My support group meet here for lunch and a walk on Monday.

If you haven't already, and you have an apple tree, it's probably time to pick the fruit, don't forget that they can, this late in the season, be stored in a garage and used over the winter. Some varieties need a few more weeks in storage for the fruit to mature and be perfect to eat, such as Cox's orange pippin or Egremont Russet.

We have an old apple. 'Ashmeads Kernel' which certainly is not ready until around Christmas.

Parish and Diocesan Notices

There will be a special collection after Mass today for CAFOD. If you are a tax payer please use a gift aid envelope to increase the amount of your donation by 25p for every pound.

This month is the Extraordinary Month of Mission. Pope Francis has declared that October will be a special month of prayer and action to strengthen and grow God's mission and the church. There will be a collection for World Mission Sunday on 20th October.

If you haven't already done so would all Missio red box holders please bring their boxes in to be emptied next Sunday 13th. Margaret H will be in the hall to receive them. If you don't have a box and would like to start collecting your small change to support Missio, or alternatively would like to make a one-off donation, please speak to her.

Coffee Morning: Ann Bowers is amazed to report that £280 was raised at the Cancer Coffee morning. Grateful thanks to all who turned out in the foul weather and made it such a success.

Last Sunday's Table Top Sale: The grand total of £280.32 was raised. We are grateful to the many helpers as well as all the buyers.

Mother's Prayers will meet on Wednesday 16th October at Stephanie's house, 17 Benson Road, Henfield at 10.15am.

Mary's Meals: for those of you who support this charity their Christmas cards are now available. See www.MarysMeals.org.uk or phone 0800 698 1212.