

## *Father Hugh Writes:*

What about the deluges of rain? Two inches so far since Monday night. Things do look fresher now.

This Sunday is our table top sale, a new venture for us, if we thank it a success, then let's do it again perhaps after the half-term break in early November.

Please bear in mind that it really is for our benefit, so it is a simple thing rather than a bazaar, fete etc.

A gift to pay for some of the new trees was received last week, with thanks. If you hadn't noticed, four trees are planted and three to go, any more offerings towards the trees will as always be gratefully received. We can plant the rest now that it has rained when the final Spiraea is out in the hall bed, and the root ground out from the Koelreuteria. (Which was dying; when recently commented on it was obvious that the person had not looked up!)

We shall also need to do some repairs to the organ where some stops are now not working.

Friday is the autumn Family Fast Day. Gift Aid envelopes for CAFOD are ready for you to take this weekend.

If you didn't see it on BBC2 these past two Fridays, and you have catch-up tv, you may find the programmes 'Inside the Vatican' interesting to watch.

**Church Keys.** We need to know who has a key to the church please, so that we cover properly the insurance of the church. It would be my preference that all keys are returned and users who need to access the church when it's not open simply use the key safe. We will also need to know who accesses the church as we shall periodically change the code.

I am thinking too that it will be more practical to have a key safe for the hall in the same way so that we can gather in all the hall keys.

There are Memorias each day this week, beginning with St Jerome on Monday, including St Teresa of Lisieux on Tuesday and the Blessed Martyrs of Sussex on Thursday.

## *Parish and Diocesan Notices*

**First Holy Communion:** Regular sessions will commence after Mass today, with Sister Zita and Ann Higginson, in preparation for those children wishing to make their First Holy Communion next year.

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**Please visit the table top sale in our hall after Mass today – have a coffee and find a bargain or maybe an early Christmas present. All funds raised will go towards the cost of our new church wiring and lighting.**

**Church Cleaning Rota:** The new rota is in the porch. If you cannot manage a particular week, please try to arrange cover by swaps. We are still in need of one more team of two so please speak to Deacon Paul if you can help.

**Rowan Willians - 'Being Disciples':** the books have arrived, so if you ordered one could you please now collect it from Deacon Paul.

**Welcomers:** the new rota is on the board. Please swap any date/s you are unable to do and mark the changes on the notice board copy.

**October 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 are special prayer cards on the porch table, please take one. The latest Missio newsletter is also available for all red box holders.

There will be a collection for World Mission Sunday on 20th October. *Would all red box holders please bring their boxes in to be emptied on either of the following two Sundays (6th & 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.*

**This coming Friday is CAFOD Harvest Fast Day and there will be a special collection after Mass next Sunday (6th October).**

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