



A pre-Christmas social will take place at the Alma pub, preceded by some Advent carols in church. Friday 30th November. Tickets will be on sale at the back of both churches with any surplus monies raised going to charity.

**Volunteers** for cleaning & refreshments are also needed at Holy Family

## Diocesan Pastoral Plan

Bishop Richard has been reflecting on the submissions from all the parishes in the diocese to produce a pastoral plan to take us forward to where we need to be as a diocese for 2030. There will be an open meeting in every deanery to enable him to present the plan to us and give us a chance to talk to him about it. For us in Guildford deanery he will be coming to visit us on the evening of **Monday 19th November**, St Joseph's Guildford. Please keep this date in your diary, & sign the list in church.

Prayer cards for the pastoral plan and the intentions of the diocese are available at the back of both churches. Please do collect one and keep this in your prayers.

## Justice & Peace group

**Love in Action.** This month's theme is: '*The Dignity and Rights of Workers*'. The work people do should be valued, because the person him/herself must be valued. As part of this, people deserve a fair, just wage and proper working conditions within which to carry out their role.... It is one of the reasons that the Church has been, and continues to be, so involved with the 'Living Wage' and 'Fair Trade' movements, both of which seek a just wage and adequate working conditions for the working people. Therefore, after Mass, please collect a "Who picked my tea?" card to petition the major tea suppliers (e.g. Tetley) about the working conditions of tea-pickers in Asia. We shall also focus on this theme in the **DOCAT study groups**.

## Baptism Evening

The next baptism evening will take place on Wednesday 21 November 7.45pm venue to be confirmed.

## CAFOD

**Brick Fund** Project 5 Guildford provide emergency shelter and ongoing support to help the homeless into independent living. Donating to a 'Brick Fund' will assist their clients to meet the initial cost of £1000 approx. needed to acquire independent rented accommodation. Carefully assessed clients will agree to repay the money gradually to enable others to benefit also. We suggest donations of £1 per brick. See board in the church entrance area. **NB** Through your generosity, this week a client received a loan deposit of £133 to secure accommodation; repayment of the sum will soon be made.

**Fairtrade.** You might have seen in the news recently that Traidcraft is facing difficult times. Since 1979, Traidcraft has been pioneering fair trade in the UK and currently works with over 100 producers from 30

countries. Today, the business is in a period of consultation, planning a way it can work sustainably in the future. But it needs your help. [Please take a catalogue and an order form.](#)

**Cake Sale** This weekend. Many thanks to those donating cakes and also to those purchasing them. Proceeds to CAFOD.

**ChristianSolidarity Worldwide** We will shortly send cards with messages of support to oppressed and persecuted Christians world wide. If you wish to sign the cards, please see Mike Harte.

## November - month of the Holy Souls

Fr Robin will be celebrating a vigil Mass for All Saints Day at St Joan of Arc Farnham at 7pm on All Hallows Eve (as Halloween should be celebrated) on 31st October.

**All Saints** (1 November) is a Holy Day of obligation. There will be a midday Mass at Holy Angels and the usual evening Mass at Holy Family at 7.30 pm.

On **All Souls Day** (2 November) the Mass will take place at midday at Holy Family and at 7.30pm at Holy Angels.

There will be the usual opportunity during the month of Holy Souls for names to be put in a book to be placed on the altar at all Masses but for people to be remembered individually at Mass please book a Mass intention.

Sunday 4th November, the blessing of the graves will take place at at Ash cemetery. Meet outside the Church at 3pm.

## Spare Wool

Maggie Batchelor is currently making hats and other knitted goods for the Saint Vincent de Paul society, which are used for premature babies and children both in the UK and in African orphanages.

If anyone has any spare wool, **double-knit yarn**, please could you bring it to church. It doesn't need to be full balls, all remnants and colours gratefully appreciated.

## Prayer for the diocese

Lord, the Word who is Life.  
May all the people of our Diocese grow in openness  
to the power of the Holy Spirit,  
so that through a growth  
in understanding and courage,  
and truly open to your call,  
we may bear powerful witness  
to all around us,  
for you are Lord for ever and ever.  
Amen.