

Notices – 22 April

Gardening volunteers wanted – Our new gardening season in the Community Garden is now underway under the leadership of Joseph Evans, our new horticulturalist. Sessions are on Saturday mornings a couple of times a month. Tools are provided and training is given. No gardening experience is required, although if you are already a keen gardener, that is very welcome. To find out about future dates, contact Joseph at joseph.m.evans123@gmail.com Volunteers must be over 18, or accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Polling Station – Please note that the church will be used as a polling station for the election on 3 May. No access is permitted that day, other than for voting.

The Organ – The organ has been deteriorating for many years and is in need of a major renovation, something that has never been done since it was installed 100 years ago. It is currently unplayable because numerous leaks in the pneumatic system mean that it cannot cope with the extremely low humidity caused by the cold weather and the need to heat the church to a comfortable temperature for the café. Once the heating season is over, it may be possible to use the organ again during the summer months, but in the mean time we will have to use the piano. The Church Council will consider the major renovation of the organ at forthcoming meetings.

Yellow Room – The Yellow Room will meet on the following dates for the rest of the school year: 29th April, 13th May, 20th May, 10th June, 24th June, 8th July and 15th July – end of year picnic.

Prayer Board – The prayer board is now located in the chapel. Do add names of people you would like remembered in our prayers to the board.

Earlsfield Foodbank – Please continue to add a couple of items to your shopping list each week to give to the Foodbank, via the collecting box in the church. The following are suitable non-perishable foods: Milk (UHT or powdered); Sugar (500 grams); Fruit juice (long life carton); Soup (tinned); Pasta sauces; Tomatoes (tinned); Cereals; Rice pudding (tinned); Sponge pudding (tinned); Tea bags / instant coffee; Instant mashed potato; Rice / pasta; Tinned meat / fish; Tinned vegetables; Tinned fruit; Jam; Biscuits or snack bars. Also: Toilet roll, Shampoo, Toothpaste and Toothbrushes. The Foodbank is open at St John's Church on Thursdays from 9.30am-12noon. Our Foodbank link is Gabrielle Oliver - 07811 205444.