

Message from the Vicar

In June we received some good news as a Church. Along with 15 other parishes in the Diocese of Birmingham we have been successful in our application for a Children and Family Missioner. This application was supported by the school and Carl and it is envisaged that the person will work closely with the school. It is hoped that the successful applicant will be starting in September on a part time or full time basis. The closing date is the 3rd July, if you know of anyone who might be interested. The appointment is initially for three years but we hope to find sufficient funds to make this a permanent appointment.

I am also pleased to announce that Mark Waterstreet having put himself forward for ordination has been successful. He will start 3 years of training in September. Assuming all goes to plan he will be ordained a Deacon in 2018 and Priest in 2019.

During the last month or too I have been made more aware of the impact that HS2 is going to have on our community. I feel confident that our councillors and John Warren (see article inside) are doing all they can to mitigate against the worst of this.

God Bless Paul

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July 2015

Worship at the Parish Church

9.00am—Holy Communion every Sunday

11.00am—All Age Worship except for the **last Sunday in the month.**
- Instead, Café Link takes place on the **26th July** at the Link.

10.00am—Holy Communion every Wednesday

Worship at the Methodist Church

10.30am— Morning Worship

7.00pm—Final Sunday of the Month (White City for Songs for Praise)

Saturday 11th July 3.0p.m. - 5.00p.m.

'Messy Church' Families welcome

Summer 2015

THE BRIDGE



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Deanery Pilgrimage at Cathedral

This year we are celebrating 300 years of our Cathedral, sometimes called the Mother Church. If you want to know more please go to their website. www.birminghamcathedral.com

To mark this event a deanery pilgrimage is being organised for the churches in our area including our Parish of Water Orton.

This event takes place on the 25th July from 5pm—8pm.

Women Alive

Thursday 2nd July at 7.30pm

Summer Charity Event.

Caribbean Melody Steel Band

Newcomers are very welcome.

No meeting August. We return on the **3rd September**. Welcome back Autumn Surprise.

Ladies Pampering Evening

Friday 3rd July at 7.30pm in the Robert Lloyd Room. Please sign up at the back of Church.

Men's Curry Night

Next event on the 24th July from 7pm for 8pm, Coleshill.

Orton Manor

Friends of Orton Manor meet on Thursday 16th July at 6.30pm

This evening will be hosted by Colin Green, the historian for our village. Please feel free to just turn up whether you have been before or not. All will be welcome

Summer Picnic with the Methodist Church

Monday 27th July 1.00p.m. -5.00p.m.
Summer Picnic Tickets £5. Lifts provided

Contact Gill on 0121 747 9897 or Margaret 01 747 4769 for details

New Group at the Link

Little Baby Buntings - mother & baby group 0-12 mths.

Every Wednesday 10.30—12noon
£3 per session.

For more information contact
Lauren 0121 748 6360

Wombats

During term time our two parent and toddler groups continue

- Wed 12—1.30pm
- Thu 10am until 11.30am

In other news I have started work to get all of the graffiti cleaned off our public spaces and road signs. It is taking a little more time than I would have hoped but we are making progress. The police will also support us so once it's all cleaned we need to keep it clean. If you see someone graffitiing then please do report it to the police. Speeding vehicles continue to be a concern. During recent speed checks on the Birmingham Road fifty one cars were caught exceeding the 30mph speed limit. Speeding tickets have been issued so please take care and drive safely. I will work with County Highways to see how we can improve signage and make this road a safe place to walk to school, cycle and drive along. One final note is that Ray and I have a small grant to support local projects. If you would like to discuss making a bid then please let us know.

If you want to contact Ray or me then please email me at davidreilly@northwarks.gov.uk or ring me on 07561 569829.

With kindest regards,

Dave Reilly & Ray Payne.

HS2 update: Ray and I have had a interesting month. We have been appointed to our borough-wide roles which are in addition to our Water Orton responsibilities. Ray is the lead councillor for Scrutiny, a process that oversees NWBC's effectiveness, and I am the lead councillor for community safety and HS2, so we are both excellently placed to fully represent Water Orton's interests.

This is an important time with regards to HS2. John Warren and the Water Orton HS2 Action Group continue to fight hard representing our interests and as a community we need to do all we can to support the Action Group's efforts. Last week HS2 formally responded to the Select Committee's Interim Report which previously recognised that noise and HGV traffic were significant concerns for Water Orton. While the HS2 response did not make specific reference to Water Orton it did recognise that they had not previously consulted well enough about the impact of the Railhead on our area. This is important because the HGV construction traffic that will be driving through our village will be travelling to and from the Railhead. HS2 have formally committed to consider our local proposals to improve community engagement and this will hopefully help the Action Group further champion our interests which I will fully support as lead councillor for HS2. If you have concerns or questions about HS2's impact on your home and family that you would like to discuss please let me know.