

Dear people

It is the first week of Easter if we were to date ourselves in terms of the liturgical calendar, the third week of April in our secular calendar, and the third week of Lockdown in terms of dating ourselves with respect to the pandemic. For some the first week of children going back to school but they are still at home....

Easter Garden



Thanks to Mike and Carolyn for making the garden. Crosses on the right and the empty tomb on the left.

St Albans Army

There are now 14 members in this "army". I got this email from Jenny Martin from 4Square:

"I just wanted to say how grateful we and the community are for your help with deliveries. It has really made my life in particular so much easier and for that I'm eternally grateful.

I know when I mentioned paying your crew for the driving you weren't so keen. We've been thinking that maybe we could donate some groceries in the name of St Albans Church to a charity/food bank? Or do you know of people in the community who may be struggling at this time?

Please let me know and we'll get on to it. While it's been the most crazy busy time we're very aware of how lucky we are to still have jobs when so many are facing uncertainty and would like to give back."

Well done guys.

Vicars Warden

Although we still need to have our AGM at some stage appointing a Vicar's Warden is not dependent on an AGM. I have pleasure in announcing that Myles Breen as the new Vicars Warden. A massive thanks to Heather Molloy the outgoing Vicar's Warden. Her encouragement, positivity and wisdom have been a gift to me.

4Square Food Orders

We want to be able to offer support to the over 70's and health compromised people during this level 4 lockdown period as we are aware that the government is advising them to stay home and not go to the shops.

The 4 Square is taking email orders with the understanding that the customer will pay online on receipt of the goods and invoice. Don't hesitate to make use of this service knowing that the St Alban's team is helping them out.

If you are not set up to do online banking then St Alban's would like to help you with a payment online service as a temporary measure. Please contact Denis Packer to set this up (ph [568 2125](tel:5682125) or cell [022 195 7615](tel:0221957615))

Please pass this information on to parishioners who may not have internet and therefore won't get this message.

If you have any questions please contact Val Meyer ph [562 8181](tel:5628181) or cell [027 476 6582](tel:0274766582) who is leading this initiative. Thanks Val.

A Safe Bubble

We have provided a safe bubble for a man called David. His bubble is his van and the hall kitchen and toilets and the room next to the kitchen. Please respect it and many thanks to those who have dropped off meals. He is really appreciative.

We ask God to give us compassion as well as guidance and protection in these difficult and uncertain times.

John Hughes

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