



10th October 2021

WELCOME: Welcome to everyone who joins us today. If you are attending Mass or visiting the church, we are continuing to observe safety guidelines: **Book for Mass, Wear a face mask, Keep 1m Social Distance and Sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the church. Thankyou**

The Church is Open: Weekdays Tuesday-Friday 08.45am-4.00pm and on Saturdays 10.00am-6.30pm.

Confessions: Saturdays 4.50 -5.20pm; Tues - Fri 8.50-9.20am

Livestreaming Mass: <https://www.churchservices.tv/hartley>

For Daily and Sunday Mass Readings, Morning and Evening Prayer, visit <https://www.universalis.com/>

The Adult Choir will sing at 10.15am Mass on 17th October.

Please pray for Canon Richard Hearn who died on Thursday 6th October. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Wedding Notice: Aaron Kempster and Katie Pirot will be married in St. Francis de Sales on Tuesday 26th October 2021

Thankyou to Ellie, Jack, and Harry Smith for reading at Mass for the first time last weekend. My thanks to all our readers.



Update on Maintenance work at the church and presbytery:

The storage shed at White Friars needed major repairs costing £1,300 to save it from completely falling apart— a new shed would have cost us £3,000. We also have had to replace the posts outside the church and renew and paint some of the woodwork around the building costing £360.00. There are further repair works to the church building needed.

Our 2nd Collection this week will go towards offsetting the costs. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Donation Box for Gravesend Foodbank: The Box is in the porch behind the steward's table. All donations of non-perishable foods and goods are gratefully received thankyou

Reverend Bartholomew: will be leaving the parish on 18th October. We are grateful to Reverend for his time here and wish him all the best for the future. If you would like to donate towards a farewell gift for Reverend, please mark the envelope 'Reverend Bartholomew' and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. Thankyou

Confirmation Preparation: the next class is on Saturday 9th October in the church meeting room at 4pm.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)/Journey in Faith:

Our next meeting will take place in the **Church Meeting Room, not White Friars,** on Monday 11th October at 5.45pm.

Marriage Preparation Group and Marriage Support: Any couple preparing for marriage, or any married couple who would like support, please speak to Fr. Patrick directly.

Urgent Appeal: Do you have an hour to spare once a month to help with church cleaning? Volunteers are needed for some light vacuuming/dusting/cleaning on a rota basis, working in small teams. Please email Brendan Shirley at varpay@btinternet.com or contact the parish office. We would be very grateful for any help you can give.

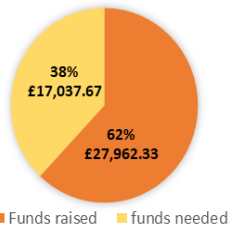
CAFOD "Parliament in Your Parish" Campaign: This asks people to get to know their MPs - not challenging them, but finding out about the UK's approaches to leading a just and green global recovery from the pandemic, while acting as G7 Chair and host of the Glasgow COP meeting. **Gareth Johnson is MP for more than half our parish and he is offering us a virtual meeting at 5.30pm on Friday November 5th.** If you would like to register to join in and to find out more, please phone Phil Kerton on 873802 or email at cpkerton@yahoo.com.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: A young couple moved into a new neighbourhood. The next morning while they were eating breakfast, the young woman sees her neighbour hanging the washing out. "That laundry is not very clean," she said. "She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap." Her husband looked on, but remained silent. Every time her neighbour would hang her washing out to dry, the young woman would make the same comments. About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband: "Look, she has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this?" The husband said, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

St Francis de Sales 200 Club: Membership for October Draw onwards is still open. Download an application form and necessary information from the parish website or take from the church porch. Members will be notified of their numbers either by email or by post. Thankyou.

From Our Lady of Hartley School: what an exciting week! World class athlete, Gianna Frankis visited the school today and led the children in an outdoor fitness routine. Well done to all the children for their wonderful effort and enthusiasm. Gianna later held two assemblies in which he told us about his life and his career as a professional athlete. The children learned that his journey to success started at age 9 and he inspired us all with his message to never give up and to always keep on trying. Thank you to Gianna and to you all for supporting the children with their sponsorship for this event. Funds raised will help us develop sports and PE at Our lady of Hartley and support GB athletes in their careers. To learn more about our school, visit www.ourladyhartley.kent.sch.uk/

THATCH FUND GOAL: £45,000.00. Raised: £27,962.33



£1 a Week donation to Thatch Fund: You may deposit your £1 in the Thatch Fund Boxes at the back of the church OR set up a £4 monthly/ £52 yearly bank order to the **Thatch Fund Nat West St. Francis de Sales Acc 34363181 Sort Code 60-06-33.**

Offertory Collections: If you are a tax payer please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme. It is not binding and the parish will receive a further 25p on every £1 you donate! Please take from the church, or download from the website, a Gift Aid Declaration Form. **You can:** (i) **Set up a Bank Standing Order** (ii) **Use Weekly Envelopes** (iii) **Cash OR Cheque payable to St Francis de Sales.** (iv) **Make Online Offertory Donations to the Parish To donate directly to the Thatch Fund: Nat West Bank: St. Francis de Sales: Account number 34363181 Sort Code 60-06-33** (v) **Use our parish JustGiving Page at www.justgiving.com/St-Francis-de-Sales-Hartley** (vi) **Shop at Easyfundraising: www.easyfundraising.org.uk.** **The Hart** is a monthly Parish and Village Magazine & source for finding reliable local tradesmen. Fr Patrick writes an article on a regular basis. There are FREE copies on the table in the church lobby for you to try and a form to sign up for an annual subscription (£5) For more, see Carol Wilton.

Mass Intentions: If you would like someone to be prayed for please write the details on a Mass Intentions envelope and post at White Friars or when you come to the church. All Mass Intentions would be published in the Parish Newsletter. The name of the person/s in each Mass Intention will be placed in the frame by Our Lady's Shrine. **For your Special Occasion, Birthday, Anniversary please let Fr Patrick know so we can pray for you as a community.** **Baptism for babies and infants:** Contact Fr. Patrick for the necessary advice and guidance on how to proceed. **Parish Database 2020/21: This applies to ALL parishioners.** It is important that we update our parish records Please take a form from the church or download from the website to fill in and return to the parish office. **The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis** free monthly newsletter: <http://eepurl.com/heWjml> Evangelium Online FREE– Overview of the Catholic Faith <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latestevangeliumonlinecourse21-22> **Pray the Rosary online at <https://www.therosary.online/>** **Prayer Resources:** <https://pray-as-you-go.org/index.php> <http://www.wednesdayword.org/schoolindex.htm> <https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/your-daily-prayer/> **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October: Missionary Disciples.** We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

The church is open for the following Services and for private prayer
ALL SERVICES CONTINUE TO BE LIVESTREAMED <https://www.churchservices.tv/hartley>

Saturday 9th October Morning: St. John Henry Newman, Priest, Feast	No Morning Mass 4.50pm-5.20pm	Open for Private Prayer from 10.00am Confessions
Twenty-eighth Sunday Ordinary Time (B) Prisoners' Sunday	5.00pm-5.30pm 5.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 10th October Day of prayer for Prisoners & their families 2nd Collection: Refurbishing the storage shed at White Friars & new church posts, cost: £1,6600	8.00am-8.30am 8.30am 9.45am-10.15am 10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Prisoners and their families.
Monday 11th October	No Mass	
Tuesday 12th October Feria OR St. Wilfrid, Bishop	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
Wednesday 13th October St. Edward the Confessor, King, Feast	08.45-09.30am 09.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
Thursday 14th October Feria OR St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr	08.45am-09.30am 09.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
Friday 15th October St. Teresa of Jesus, (of Avila) , Memorial	08.45am-09.30am 09.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
Saturday 16th October Feria/ St. Hedwig/St. Mary Margaret Alocoque	No Morning Mass 4.50pm-5.20pm	Open for Private Prayer from 10.00am Confessions
Twenty-ninth Sunday Ordinary Time (B)	5.00pm-5.30pm 5.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass
Sunday 17th October Twenty-ninth Sunday Ordinary Time (B) 2nd Collection: Deacon Bartholomew's farewell gift	8.00am-8.30am 8.30am 9.45am-10.15am 10.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass People of the Parish Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private prayer Mass Intention of Reverend Bartholomew

For a newsletter emailed weekly, or to suggest articles/additions, contact the parish secretary: hartley@rcaos.org.uk.
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