

Fr Hugh writes:

You may not listen to Radio 3 as part of your entertainment! However, I thought some of us might like to listen to the service of Compline which is being broadcast each Monday evening in Lent at 9.30pm.

It has been recorded at St Stephen's Walbrook, in the City of London; one of Christopher Wren's gems, which he used as his model for the dome of St Paul's.

Of course Choral evensong continues to be broadcast on Radio 3 on Wednesdays at 4pm and repeated Sundays at 3pm. It can be an aid to our prayer life.

The CAFOD envelopes are in the Narthex for any offerings you wish to make in this season.

Accounts for last year: Our thanks to our Finance committee led by Jim Corcoran for helping to steer the way your funds are spent.

A precis of income/expenditure reads as follows:

Offertory £28,978.70	Diocesan Levy £6,018
Investment income £8,366	Personal £1,198
Hall Hire £976	Travel £814.50
Gift Aid return £3,374	Office £421
Jenny Williams legacy £400	Establishment *£16,574
	Domestic £3,336
	Liturgical £1,305
	Supply clergy £945
	Property expenses **£11,270
Total: £42,095.00	Total £42,159.00
The balance c/fwd (£-64.00)	

* includes some of the works we've done such as Works to the Hall kitchen, redecorations of the Hall outside, new Hall lighting, the Sacristy etc. Upgrading the house electrics, new Church windows.

** includes Council Tax, insurances and similar charges.

I hope that's helpful to you all. Thank you for your continuing support and generosity. It's all appreciated.

Now for thinking ahead: we're moving towards improving the church entrance in the coming weeks, which will be a capital item. I know there is a desire to improve the sound quality in the hall which must go to the finance committee for discussion and approval. We are too renewing the Hall radiators some of which have rust around the bleed points and are hoping that new signage will arrive in the coming weeks.

Further ahead, the church floor needs renewing before it finally wears through and becomes a hazard. It would be good to redecorate the church in time for our golden jubilee next year.

The Coronation: Our parish celebration is on Monday 8th. We propose a Mass at 10.30, followed by a brunch in the hall. We shall take bookings from Palm Sunday. As the numbers in the hall that can be seated are limited, and as the Coronation is early May, it would seem risky to plan an outdoor event.

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Last year we had several 'no shows' for the Jubilee, so if you find you need to cancel we can offer places to others and so not waste food. Please note: to bring your own drinks for this occasion. We look forward to another celebration together.

Our Penitential service is on Monday 20th March, in a couple of weeks time, we begin at 7pm, by which time the evenings will be lighter.

Winter has not lost it's grip yet, but even with continual frosty nights established plants are beginning to grow. I've pruned roses and Buddlieas and the grasses are cut down, making space for the spring bulbs.

Notices:

Our Lent Groups continue, you are most welcome to join a session, once a week for five weeks. The available sessions are: *Monday Evenings 8pm at Henfield Place, Wednesday Afternoons 2pm to 3.30pm at The Convent and Thursday Mornings 10am at Henfield Place.* Why not sign up today? You won't regret it!

For more information please contact Jo Slaughter phone 01273 493101 or email josephine.slaughter@btinternet.com.

World Day of Prayer: A very big thank you to everybody who attended this special service prepared for us by the women of Taiwan. Special thanks go to everybody who helped organise it, all the readers and the "tea ladies" (too many to name for fear of missing someone) who did such an excellent job setting up the hall, serving tea and cake and clearing the hall at the end. Next year's World Day of Prayer will be on 1st March prepared by the women of Palestine with the theme "I beg you, bear with one another in love".

Prayers for Ukraine continue at our Henfield Convent on Tuesday afternoons from 2pm to 3pm. Everyone is welcome.

UKRAINE: HOPE and AID DIRECT (HAAD) Items can be brought to our hall on Thursday 16th, Friday 17th and Saturday 18th March between 10am to 4pm. Dried/tinned food, condiments, toiletries and sleeping bags, washing powder and in date medical items are all needed. A full list of everything currently needed can be found in the February issue of BN5. Please ensure all items are in date with at least a six month shelf life.

If these delivery times are not suitable for you please email Celia at: Celiaexplorer@btinternet.com Thank you, *Celia*.

Red Box Holders: The latest edition of the Missio newsletter Mission Today has arrived and is on the table in the porch for collection. Should you wish to change from having a red box to making your donations through a direct debit details can be found in the Missio newsletter. Please let Margaret Hollingsworth know if you want to do this or if your red box needs to be emptied. (01273 493754) margaret@deadlinegraphics.co.uk

Food Bank: Our Food bank demand is increasing each week, so please donate if you haven't managed to so far. Donate an item or a Prayer please. Many thanks to all those who regularly contribute. *Celia*.

Save the date: Our parish Mass to mark the King's Coronation will be on Monday 8th May at 10.30am, followed by a brunch in the hall with complementary glass of fizz to raise a

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toast. As this celebration is at the beginning of May it will be an indoor event, so attendance will be by (free) ticket only, as numbers will be limited. These tickets will be available after mass on Palm Sunday, when we will also have a sign-up sheet for helpers.

A Message from the Henfield Community Partnership: Our local traders have been working hard to identify potential shortages that may affect the community now Budgens has closed. As a result of their collaboration, they have extended their range of offerings to minimise any impact, which will enable us all to carry on shopping locally. In addition to the information highlighted on page 19 of [BN5's March issue](#), we have created a 'Directory' of provisions which shows the increased variety of amenities now on offer in Henfield. [Click here](#) to view and print the directory and share with your contacts. Sincere thanks to everyone involved for supporting this initiative.

The Friends of St Peters are running a "Beetle Drive" at St Peter's Church, Henfield on Friday 24th March at 2pm, followed by tea or coffee with cake and biscuits. Take this opportunity to visit the lovely church and raise funds to maintain the fabric of the historic parish church for future generations. Also enjoy delicious home-baked cakes. Join us for a laugh and companionship with fellow players! Tickets cost £5.00 (to include tea/coffee & cakes) and are available from Cornerweighs, Marcus Grimes or the Church Office. Also via email: friends.stpeters.henfield@gmail.com

As part of a [special offer](#) funded by the Department for Transport, bus fares continue to be capped at £2.00, for a single journey by most bus companies, until the end of June 2023.

Dates for your Diary

Lent Groups:

Monday 6th March, 8pm at Henfield Place
also 13th, 20th and 27th March

Wednesday 8th March, 2pm at The Convent, Golden Square
also 15th 22nd and 29th

Thursday 9th March, 10am at Henfield Place
also 16th & 23rd March

16th, 17th & 18th March – Collection for Ukraine.
Donations can be taken to our church hall between 10am to 4pm.

Monday, 20th March – Penitential Service at 7pm.

2nd April – Palm Sunday
Tickets for Coronation celebration available after Mass
