



At St. Clements Parish

'Live Simply so that others can simply live'

Blessed Mother Theresa

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### Nearly there!!

This is our Third newsletter since launching our Live Simply campaign. We are coming close to the finishing line. In the early part of next year we will be submitting our evidence.

### What have we done since April?

#### Share the Journey walk on the 24 June

We had around 24 people attend the oldest was 96 and the youngest was 1 years old.



We stood under the shade of a big oak tree and reflected and prayed before the walk. We then walked for 4km and finished with a closing prayer and shared picnic. It was very hot during the walk and some people felt the need to rest half way along. It made us all realise the terrible journeys people face in extreme weather often unable to stop and rest. We realised just how blessed we are.

HOW DID YOU TRAVEL TO MASS TODAY (CIRCLE ONE):



#### Leave Your Car at Home Weekend 7-8 July

We asked people to walk, scoot or cycle to Mass or consider sharing a lift with someone else.

41 people completed our survey. Out of these 15 people walked, 29 car shared or used public transport. After both the 830 and 1030 Mass we provided refreshments. We hope to have a similar event in 2019 and encourage more people to participate.

#### The Saint Clements Vegetable Garden

##### Parish Garden

Despite the lack of rain we were able to grow some very tasty vegetables. The garden has been a



great success and valuable resource for teaching children about where their food comes from. Members of the parish have benefited from fresh organic vegetables sold after 8:30 and 10:30 Mass.

All donations (£130.00) have gone to our Connect2 Cambodia appeal. Please let either Jonathan or Nigel Know if **you** would like to get involved in the garden. We could really do with volunteers during the summer months to help with watering. Thank you to everyone who has donated seeds, plants and equipment.



#### Film Nights at St Clements

We have held two film nights at St Clement this year. In April we screened "I Daniel Blake" a

very thought provoking depiction of life on benefits and the life line food banks provide for people who otherwise would go hungry.

We also screened the film "The Way" starring Martin Sheen, playing a father who heads overseas to recover the body of his estranged son who died while travelling the "El Camino de Santiago," and decides to take the pilgrimage himself. A very enjoyable film and one to recommend for anyone who is thinking about doing the pilgrimage...

## Upcoming events



**Saturday morning pictures for children and adults young at heart. On Sat 15 December from 11am in the Hall. We will be screening the film**

### **Polar Express**

On Christmas Eve, a young boy embarks on a magical adventure to the North Pole on the Polar Express, while learning about friendship, bravery, and the spirit of Christmas.



### **The next Parish walk will be on the 5 January-**

A good opportunity to burn off some of the calories gained over the festive season. We will be meeting in **Horton Country Park** at **1pm** and finishing around 2:30 in the Old Moat garden Centre for a nice cup of tea or coffee. Most of the route is accessible although some parts may be challenging depending on the weather conditions at the time.



Thinking about Christmas Gifts?

**World Gifts CAFOD World Gifts  
The true spirit of Christmas  
Giving**

Give a gift that will change a life.  
They have gifts for every budget

from Happy Queen Bee at £4 to Help a Refugee child at £46. Each CAFOD World gift has been chosen for the real and lasting difference it makes to families living in developing countries. Catalogues are available at the back of church or you can buy online at [cafod.org.uk/worldgifts](http://cafod.org.uk/worldgifts).

## Future Plans

### **Tree Planting scheme**

To mark significant stages in people's faith journey and help with greening the planet.



We are proposing that on behalf of the newly baptised, adult receptions, first communion recipients, confirmed or married. Suitable plantations exist away from St Clements itself. The donor would obtain a certificate for their contribution. We will be having a commemorative small display in the church.

### **Improved Recycling**

"Reduce, re-use and recycle" is the catch phrase behind many approaches to sustaining our environment. We have spoken to the Borough Council about how best we can improve our approach to recycling waste produced on the St Clements site. As a result we will be getting a recycle bin the same size as the current general waste bin. We will be purchasing extra bins for the hall kitchen so that the different items can be separated.



If you would like to get involved in any of the activities mentioned in this newsletter or would like to come along to the next meeting of the Live Simply steering group then please call Jonathan Inns on 0208393 0595 email [jonathan.inns@btinternet.com](mailto:jonathan.inns@btinternet.com)