

Cathedral Parish of St Mary & St Helen

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 14th December 2024

11.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

PLEASE JOIN US

GRAND DRAW
BOTTLE STALL
FANCY GOODS
TOILETRIES
ARTS & CRAFTS
FACE PAINTING
BRIC-A-BRAC
TOMBOLA
SANTA'S GROTTO
CAKES & BAKED GOODS
TEA / COFFEE / FOOD



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I am writing to you all to ask for your help with our Parish Bazaar this year. I know it has been an exceptionally long time since a Bazaar was held at the Cathedral Parish, but my experience is that they are wonderful Social & Community events in the life of a parish. Of course, the success of a Bazaar is dependent on the generosity of the whole community. This is where I make a special appeal to you for gifts and items for the Bazaar. It does not matter what it is, big or small. Preferably, we request new or nearly new items, anything that can be sold on the day. These can be dropped off at Clergy House or left in the Bazaar Box in the Narthex of the Cathedral (this is emptied daily).



THERE WILL ALSO BE A GRAND DRAW: If there are parishioners who can donate some good Grand Draw Prizes this would be wonderful! We would like to request various Grand Draw Prizes to be donated please, all brand-new items please: A Colour Television Flat Screen, Wii, X BOX, I Pods, any other new electrical goods. Various Christmas Hampers, Crate of Wine, Restaurant Vouchers, Theatre Vouchers, Hotel Vouchers, National Trust Membership, Or Spa Vouchers, Crystal Glass Sets, M&S Vouchers for Christmas, Fitbit Watch, Beats Headphones, Fortnum & Mason Hamper, Large Christmas Cake. Would there be any parishioners who would be willing to donate some Money Grand Draw Prizes £200, 100, & £50 please?

GIFTS AND ITEMS FOR VARIOUS STALLS: The success of any Bazaar is wholly dependent on the generosity of the whole parish community. We would like to appeal to the parish for various gift items for the Bazaar this year. A Bazaar is not a Jumble Sale, so we do ask for new or nearly new items please. Toiletries are always popular. Children's cuddly toys, which are in good condition. Fancy goods; and good Bric-a-Brac. Various Gift Cards, On the day there will be refreshments. A home baked cakes stall, jams & preserves. Various Sweets and chocolates, Christmas chocolate stockings, Candy Canes. Excellent quality toys and new toys. Small children's gifts for Santa's Grotto. **NO CLOTHING** (except brand new).

BOTTLE STALL: One of the most successful stalls at a Bazaar is the 'BOTTLE STALL' - I would appeal to the parish for about 300 bottles of wine and spirits. If every person brought one bottle we would achieve our goal. We will designate a particular weekend for parishioners to bring a bottle; but of course, they can be delivered at any time.



You can start donating your gifts and items now; please drop off at Clergy House or the Narthex during the week.

MATCHED GIVING: COULD WE MAKE A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR MATCHED GIVING? Can anyone help with Matched Giving from your Firm or Bank? Many companies do employ a Matched Giving facility, all you need to do is ask your place of employment; this truly would be of great benefit to us. If you work at the bazaar on a particular stall, whatever is raised is often matched by the company or bank. Please investigate it!

PARISH CAKE STALL: Everyone loves home-



made cakes and pies. I appeal to all who are good at baking to supply cakes, pies & preserves for the Bazaar. Also, if anyone is willing to make



Christmas Cakes that could be sold, these would be wonderful! A note to all our bakers, please ensure you list all the ingredients in your cakes, and pies and Christmas cakes, as there are people with allergies these days. Cakes can be donated a day or two before the Bazaar or on the day.

SANTA'S GROTTTO

We are looking for small gifts to be wrapped for children for Santa's Grotto. If anyone can donate small gifts, once again, please leave them off at Clergy House. The WORKS has good children's books for a reasonable price. These would be good gifts.

GRAND DRAW TICKETS

Will be distributed to all parishioners the weekend of 16th / 17th November. Tickets will be £2 each or £10 for a book of five. Please be as generous as possible in your response. No other fund-raising event has taken place over the past twelve months. Please kindly return the Draw Ticket stubs by the day of the Grand Draw at the latest.

Once again, an appeal for Good Grand Draw Prizes please!

HELPERS ON THE DAY OF THE BAZAAR

My sincere thanks to all those parishioners who have already signed up to help at the Bazaar on Saturday 14th December. It is hoped that we will be able to set up all the Stalls on Friday Afternoon/Evening 13th December. The more the merrier in setting up!

Also, with cleaning up afterwards. We always need a good team of people to clear up and leave the hall spick and span. If you're able to give half an hour at 3.00 p.m. after the Bazaar, your help will be gratefully accepted.

I would like to thank everyone who has attended our recent Bazaar Meetings, the next meeting is on Friday 1st November at 7.30 p.m.

God Bless You All for everything you do!

Fr John