

Brentwood Cathedral Parish of St Mary & St Helen



CHRISTMAS PARISH BAZAAR

Saturday 14th December 2024

11.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

**This is our Parish Bazaar
Entrance: £1 Adults, Children Free**

My dear friends,

I want to take this public opportunity of thanking the entire parish community for the incredible support of the Bazaar, the first to be held at the Cathedral in many years. I have been completely overwhelmed by the response from you all. I had no doubt in my own mind at all about the support that would be shown, after running Bazaars for nearly 35 years! I would like to thank the Bazaar Committee that was formed, and for all the help and volunteers who have promised help on the day. A Bazaar is a real Community event, with everyone working together this is a real way for the building of our community.



Thank you to all parishioners who have donated gifts and items, bottles, toiletries and fancy goods; your generosity has been incredible. Thank you to all those parishioners who have very generously donated **GRAND DRAW** prizes; the response has been magnificent! The Grand Draw Tickets were given out a couple of weeks ago; could you kindly return your sold ticket stubs and monies to Clergy House, at the latest by Friday 13th December. This is a last call for any more gifts or items; please drop them off at Clergy House this week.

SETTING UP THE PARISH HALL for the Bazaar will take place on Friday 13th December from 2.30 p.m. onwards. Each Stallholder will be responsible for decorating their own stall and pricing and placing your gifts and items on the stall. At the end of the Bazaar after the Grand Draw, we request to have as much help as possible cleaning up and taking stalls down and storing remaining gifts and items in boxes please.



MATCHED GIVING: It's still not too late to set this up! 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!

CAKES AND BAKED GOODS: Everyone loves Home Made Cakes & Baked Goods! Could we make an appeal to all cooks to put on your baking hats this week, so the cakes and pies and tarts can be nice and fresh. I know there are some wonderful bakers in the parish, and some kind parishioners have already made Christmas cakes. Cupcakes, fairy cakes, apple pies, home-made mince pies, bread pudding, jam/cream sponges, lemon drizzle cakes, fruit cakes; these are all popular. Please deliver all of these cakes on Friday 13th December, or on Saturday 14th December before 11.00 a.m.

CHILDREN, VISIT SANTA'S GROTTTO: Santa will be making a special appearance at the Bazaar, there will be a Small Grotto in the Small Hall. Mrs Claus will also be there to help him this year. A visit to Santa will cost £2 per child, and a small gift will be given to each child. My thanks to those who donated the children's gifts for the grotto and Santa's sack.

THE PARISH GRAND DRAW is part of this Christmas Bazaar. All the Prizes will be on show at the Bazaar, and there will still be the opportunity to purchase Grand Draw Tickets on the day. Tickets are £2 each or £10 per book. My thanks to all those parishioners who have already returned your Ticket Stubs and monies to Clergy House. Once again, many thanks to all those who donated these prizes, and for the many money donations for the Bazaar, your generosity is astounding. With money donations you can also Gift Aid these, also long as we have your Gift Aid number, we will be able to collect the tax back.



PLEASE BRING PLENTY OF CASH TO SPEND AT THE BAZAAR; SEE YOU NEXT SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER!

LIST OF GRAND DRAW PRIZES

1. 50-inch Colour Television
2. X Box Play Station
3. £200 Cash
4. £175 Theatre Tickets
5. His & Hers Watches
6. £100 Cash
7. £100 M & S Voucher
8. Gourmia Air Fryer
9. Hamper
10. Hamper
11. Fortnum & Mason Hamper
12. £50 Cash
13. £50 M & S Voucher
14. Crate of 4 Bottles Quality Wine
15. Crate of 4 Bottles Quality Wine
16. Google Nest Mini
17. 2 Bottles of Fine Italian Wine
18. 1 Bottle of Moet Champagne
19. Bottle of Champagne
20. Bottle of Champagne
21. Bottle of Champagne
22. Echo Pop
23. Mulled Wine Gift Set
24. Silver Photograph Frame

A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATED THESE PRIZES

Please bring your cash to spend at the Parish Bazaar