

14 MAY 2023

Dear Friends

Italy celebrates Mother's Day (or *Festa della Mamma*) on the second Sunday in May, which falls on May 14th this year. First instituted back in 1956, the country's original Mother's Day fell on May 8th but was moved to the second Sunday of May in 2000 to put it in line with the American calendar. We wish all mothers a wonderful day.



Botticelli – *Madonna del Magnificat*

The sixth Sunday in Easter is Rogation Sunday, where we bless and pray for this year's crops, that they may produce a good harvest. The term "rogation" comes from the Latin verb "rogare", to ask.

Our Sunday Eucharist begins at 10.30 am on 14 May. On Ascension Day, Thursday 18 May, an informal Eucharist will be held at the Church immediately before Bible Study.

Your Parish Council is meeting on 21 May at noon, in the Church rooms. If you wish to have any issues raised at that meeting, please talk with a Council member.

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Contact details for the Rev'd Sue Irwin

Sue is with us throughout May until the beginning of June, as our resident locum priest. Locum priests are responsible for pastoral care, whereas Church administration is managed by the Churchwardens and Parish Council.

For pastoral care, Sue can be contacted:

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14 MAY 2023**Our major appeal**

The **DISABLED LAVATORY FUNDRAISING PROJECT** is up and running. The current estimate for this work is €46.000, a considerable sum. Of course, the building work for the lavatory itself costs much less, but we need to consider costs of the related works like creating a storeroom for the items which currently occupy the space designated for the lavatory, fit out the room behind it to take the boiler, the cost of architectural design, build in contingency for unforeseen costs arising and consider all the various planning and building related fees plus VAT on everything. It soon mounts up. We have gone out to tender for the work, so this figure is indicative, based on the only quotation received so far.

In addition, Council have has decided that the repair of the Mascioni organ cannot be justified. The organ fund of €30.702 will be reduced to €15.000 and used to maintain and replace our functioning organ. The major donor to the organ fund has very kindly and generously instructed that the surplus funds after the organ is removed and any damage made good, be directed to the disabled lavatory project.

The donor of the €1.000 Christmas Fair fund has likewise instructed this money should be reallocated to the disabled lavatory project, as the intention of the fund was to finance the cost of importing goods from the UK for sale at the Fair, and post Brexit this is too difficult.

Council has €2.000 in the Fabric Fund for general improvement to amenities, which could be used for the downstairs lavatory.

Consequently, we have a considerable start, and are initially looking to fundraise half the estimated costs, or €23.000, over a period of between 18 and 24 months.

How can you support the project?

Through donations to this project – regularly giving an amount you can afford. We have a large sum to raise, but if, say, 50 parishioners donated €20 / €25 each month for 18 months, we would be well on our way. Of course any amount is welcome, and you can donate [here](#) or by bonifico to All Saints' Anglican Church Milano, Unicredit, IBAN: IT31 M0200 8016 1100 0100 949 889 , Causale: Disabled Lavatory Project.

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donations:



You can also volunteer to help. We are currently seeking help organising fundraising events, designing promotional material, translating from English into Italian and with technology. If you can help please contact Project Team Leader Gillian Hope on gmmhope@hotmail.com / 3337906965.

Details of the project are found [here](#).

Dates for diaries



The **SPRING BOOK FAIR** will take place on Saturday 20th May from 10 am to 5 pm.

We will be providing refreshments throughout the day. It would be super if people could contribute savoury or sweet dishes for this. Please contact Catherine Bell at 348 0714149 if you would like to help.

The **Extraordinary General Meeting** on 24 May at 6.30pm is a very important event which needs your support. We need a quorum of 75% of the electoral role to adopt our new constitution so we may benefit from the 8/1000, the “otto per mille”, which has the potential to significantly boost our funds. Please attend, in person or by Zoom, or complete and return your delegate form along with a photocopy of your ID.

Your tax return

The Church of England in Italy (**Association Chiesa d’Inghilterra in Italia**) appears for the first time on Italian tax returns this year. If you wish your 8/1000 to be donated to the Association, you must complete the form by signing your name in the appropriate box shown in the picture. Your commercialista will know what to do.



Links to our regular activities:

Sunday evening prayer on Zoom is [here](#).

There is a new link for Morning prayer – all are welcome Monday to Saturday 9 am and the link is [here](#). (Meeting ID 811 3882 8623 Passcode Prayer).

Bible Study is at 6pm Tuesday. Newcomers are very welcome. We are back to the usual link which can be found [here](#). Bible study in person is 1-2pm Thursday in the Parish Room.

The **Jolly Club** meets on Tuesdays in the parish room from 12.30 pm. Bring a packed lunch, bring your knitting, craftwork, drawing pads and pencils, whatever you would like to do whilst enjoying a happy chat with others.