

SOCIAL NEWSLETTER

May 2024

Welcome all to the 3rd issue of our Parish Social Newsletter!

In this issue we look forward to **SUMMER AND STRAWBERRIES!** Amongst other things!

Turn overleaf to see how our first International lunch went.

Strawberry Fair – Saturday June 29th from 2-4pm at St Cecilia, Dersingham

Tickets for this year's Strawberry Fair will be on sale soon and cost £5.

Maureen Vernon has kindly agreed to lead the event this year and she will be pleased to hear from you if you can help in any way. Her number is 07794 061413.

There will of course be raffles, and a Tombola. We will need prizes for these so please start to have a think about what might be able to donate.

We can also have a few stalls - we already have plans for a plant stall. If you would like to run any other stall e.g Books, Bric a Brac etc, please let Maureen know. Also please start thinking about how you else you might be able to help – e.g making scones, getting there early to help to cut strawberries on the day etc. Again, let Maureen know if you can help.

All proceeds from this event will be for the Alzheimer's Society



3 Feast Days, 2 Churches, One Parish!

In our parish we are blessed with 2 churches allowing us to generally attend the one which is most convenient for Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation.

However, we must not lose sight of the fact that we are one parish; all our social events very much aim to celebrate us as a single parish. So regardless of which church you usually attend, please do try to come to the social events wherever they are held. If what's stopping you is not being able to get there, then please contact the organiser of the event and we will try to find someone to give you a lift.

Our Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and St Edmund with St Cecilia means that we can celebrate 3 additional Feast Days each year! The first of these is a couple of days before the June Strawberry Fair. On Thursday 27 June we will celebrate Mass at 10.00am on the feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour at OLSE in Hunstanton. Then, as it's a feast day, there will be tea/ coffee and cakes in the Garnett Room afterwards. Please do try to come if you can.

Later in the year we will do the same for the Feast of St Cecilia, and then St Edmund.

Teas and Coffee after Mass

Our larger social events have been planned for every other month, but don't forget that there are more regular opportunities to meet with fellow parishioners: Every week, you can catch up with others over a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits at each of our churches.

In OLSE, Hunstanton this is available after the 11.00am Mass on Sundays; and at St Cecilia, after 10:00am Mass on Wednesday. St Cecilia's also offer refreshments after 9:00am Mass on the first Sunday of each month.

It would be lovely to have more people join us on these occasions, and visitors as well as regular parishioners are always welcome. At OLSE, we have found that as it is nearly always someone's Birthday, our Sunday get togethers are often also blessed with delicious cakes!

Your Newsletter - Don't forget that this is *your* Newsletter and we would be very happy to hear your thoughts and ideas about what to include.

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Celebrating Diversity at Easter!

Who would have thought that a small parish in a corner of Norfolk could boast parishioners from over a dozen countries?!! Well, we can, and we did!!!

Our first International Lunch formed part of our Easter celebrations last month and included food from **17** countries around the world. As well as traditional contributions from our own British Isles, our parishioners provided a varied selection of sweet and savoury dishes from several other European countriesand from Asian Countriesand from African countries..... and from the Caribbean!



A huge Thank you to everyone who contributed to, and attended this event, and made it such a success. Whilst eating all the delicious food, we also managed to raise £300 for The Church in Need in the Holy Land.

We will certainly be repeating this event next year and hope to include food from even more countries!

Date and time for 2024	Event	Where	Contact point
13-Feb (time TBA)	Pancake Evening	St Cecilia	
06-April (time: 12:30)	International lunch	OLSE	Pat Fuchter
29-Jun (time: 2 -4)	Strawberry Tea	St Cecilia	Maureen Vernon
24 -Aug (time TBA)	BBQ	OLSE	Tom & Elizabeth Koning
3rd week October (time TBA)	Harvest Lunch	St Cecilia	Contact point to be advised
07-Dec (time TBA)	Christmas Fair	OLSE	Elizabeth Howe
Late December	Afternoon Tea	TBA	Contact point to be advised