



PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR 2026...

...your help is needed

Date for this year's Fair is **Saturday 21st November**, from 11am until 3pm.

But its not just one day, its takes from now until the day itself to bring everything together. So, we need your help in lots of ways, so if you can volunteer your skills, your time, your enthusiasm, please let me know (details at end).

BEFORE THE FAIR we need help with the following:

At all weekend masses – helping to sell raffle tickets after the 6pm (Sat); 8.30am & 10.30am masses – if you can help out one or two times over the weeks leading to the Fair that would be great.

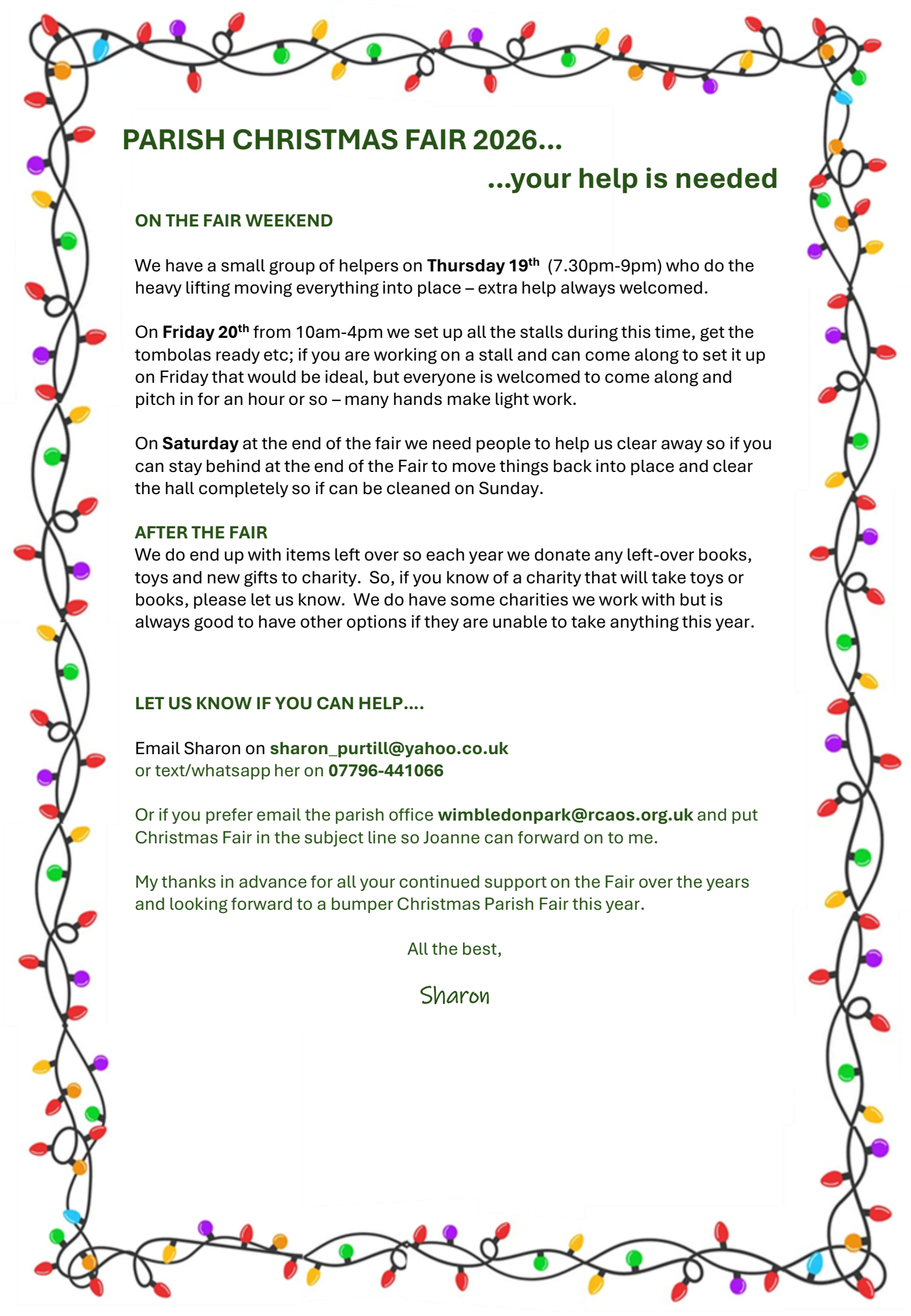
After 10:30am mass each weekend - if you're at the mass and can spare a few minutes to just carry bags through to the garage, it makes a long task go really quickly. Someone will sort through the donations separately its just getting everything into the garage that we need.

Tree of Promises – this stall is one of our big money stalls, but it takes a lot of time. We have a small group of people who work tirelessly on this before the fair – dropping donation letters round to the local businesses; then checking back at various times and collecting donations. We especially need someone who lives locally to Leopold Road to look after that area; we can always do with some help around the many roads in Southfields and along Durnsford/Merton Road. If you can help we can divide up areas between all our wonderful helpers.

Handicraft Stall – if you knit, crochet or sew – we'd love to hear from you. . We have patterns, wool and fabric a plenty we just need you. We can talk through what we know are good sellers.

Volunteer to help on the day - if you can help on a stall on the day for a couple of hours, please let me know.

DONATIONS – while helping out is needed and we appreciate all who can give of their time; we wouldn't have a Christmas Fair if we didn't get so many generous donations from you every week (see separate sheet for what is needed and when its needed); we also need you to buy our **Grand Draw Raffle** tickets, order your **Christmas Tree**, but more importantly we need you to turn up on Saturday 21st November to enjoy the fair, catch up with fellow parishioners and of course spend money!



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ON THE FAIR WEEKEND

We have a small group of helpers on **Thursday 19th** (7.30pm-9pm) who do the heavy lifting moving everything into place – extra help always welcomed.

On **Friday 20th** from 10am-4pm we set up all the stalls during this time, get the tombolas ready etc; if you are working on a stall and can come along to set it up on Friday that would be ideal, but everyone is welcomed to come along and pitch in for an hour or so – many hands make light work.

On **Saturday** at the end of the fair we need people to help us clear away so if you can stay behind at the end of the Fair to move things back into place and clear the hall completely so it can be cleaned on Sunday.

AFTER THE FAIR

We do end up with items left over so each year we donate any left-over books, toys and new gifts to charity. So, if you know of a charity that will take toys or books, please let us know. We do have some charities we work with but is always good to have other options if they are unable to take anything this year.

LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP....

Email Sharon on sharon_purtill@yahoo.co.uk
or text/whatsapp her on **07796-441066**

Or if you prefer email the parish office wimbledonpark@rcaos.org.uk and put Christmas Fair in the subject line so Joanne can forward on to me.

My thanks in advance for all your continued support on the Fair over the years and looking forward to a bumper Christmas Parish Fair this year.

All the best,

Sharon