

CHRISTMAS MARKET

As many of you are already aware, there is not going to be a Christmas Bazaar this year. However, many of us felt that we must do something to support our church charities. The major recipients over many years have been Maidstone Homeless and our link diocese in Madagascar. In fact, we have already sent a donation to Madagascar to help ease the suffering being caused by a severe drought. The other charities we support vary from year to year but usually include Maidstone Street Pastors and Demelza House.

So, to rectify the shortfall, we shall be holding a 'Christmas Market' at St. Nicholas Church on Saturday, 27th November from 10am to 12.30pm. It is hoped this can be held as an indoor/outdoor event.

For this to be a success we need everyone's support in many ways: items to sell or for the raffle, help to man a stall, set up or clear up, help to publicise the event in any way you can or simply to be there and buy some of the goods on offer.

If you have items that are suitable for sale on any of the following stalls it would be helpful if you get in touch directly with the named person: Christmas stall (Jenny Hebditch 01622 862483) Cakes and Sweets (Anne Salmon 01622 532029 or 07835949690), Jigsaws and 'good as new' Paperbacks (Dot Hooker 01622 746571).

Gift Stall ; gifts, suitable to be given as Christmas presents, could include toiletries, handmade craft items, good toys, jewellery etc. These can be left in either church for collection. (Stall holders not yet appointed.)

Raffle : We shall be asking in church for items to put into hampers but we need other items for prizes. If you would like to contribute please remember that the event is specifically a 'Christmas' Market and we should like to reflect that in the raffle.

Any queries? Please contact Joan Palmer (01622 202239 or email joanpalmer@blueyonder.co.uk)