

Bring and Share Buffet for Fr. David's Farewell On Sunday 6 October 2024

Dear All

We are planning the food for the farewell reception for Fr. David and we really hope that as many parishioners as possible will be able to come both to the Mass at 10:30 am and reception afterwards.

We would be very grateful for your help in making this a celebratory occasion and a fitting way to say thank you to Fr. David for all that he has done during his time in the parish. There will be a presentation to Fr David and if you haven't already donated and would like to please use the attached envelope, the card reader or donate via the parish website <https://www.ourladysolney.co.uk>

We are expecting that the Parish Room will be full so it will be very much a mingling occasion rather than a formal sit down. There will of course be seats available for those that that need them. With that in mind we plan to have **bite size finger food** so that for the most part no cutlery is required.

Attached is a list of suggested buffet items but please feel free to bring along a small plate of finger food of your choice that does not require heating, and/or a bottle to share.

Please could you indicate on the board in the porch by **Sunday 29 September** how many people will be coming from your household and what you would like to bring to the buffet. Please do not worry if you are unable to bring anything or don't know for definite if you can attend. It's just to get an approximate idea of numbers and to ensure that there is a variety of food.

The Parish Room is open after every Mass at the weekend and on **Tuesday** mornings for anyone wishing to drop off items that don't require refrigeration so these can be left in advance of the event. Contributions for the cheeseboard and similar items with a longer shelf life can be placed in the fridge from **Tuesday 1st October**. The Church will also be open on **Thursday 3rd October** from **9:00 am to 11:00 am** and **Saturday 5 October** from **4 pm**.

Please bring platters and desserts **on the day** as there is limited fridge space. The hall will be open from **9:00 am**. The earlier you can bring them the better as it will give us time to arrange things.

Finally, please can you bring your food on a plate or platter so that it is ready to serve. Plates can be collected at the end of the afternoon or the following weekend.

Many thanks for your help

The Social Committee

Buffet Suggestions:

<p>Pastry Items</p> <p>Savoury Tartlets Quiche bites Sausage Rolls Mini pork pies Cheese Straws Vol au Vents Mini Scotch eggs Indian selection Crisps & Pringles</p>	<p>Things on cocktail sticks</p> <p>Cheese and pineapple Tomato and mozzarella Olives Mini sausages Prawns</p>	<p>Vegetable / Fruit</p> <p>Grapes Crudities and Dips Celery filled with cream cheese Asparagus with Parma ham Cherry tomatoes Melon wedges</p>
<p>Platters</p> <p>Sandwiches Chicken drumsticks Bite size wraps Thin slices of baguette with toppings Smoked salmon blinis Mini bagels with topping Sushi selection</p>	<p>Cakes / Desserts</p> <p>Fruit tartlets Meringue bites Mini brownies Mini cupcakes Fruit salad bowl Chocolate cake Trifle Strawberries Cream</p>	<p>Cheeseboard contributions</p> <p>Crackers Cheddar Red Leicester Brie Stilton Any other cheeses? Chutneys Grapes</p>
<p>Drinks</p> <p>White wine Red wine Orange juice Shloer Coca Cola Other soft drinks</p>		