

Lent Laptops Appeal

Following an extremely challenging year for our local schools, the focus for our Lent Appeal this year is to provide support for some of the most needy children in our Parish.

These times are undoubtedly difficult for us all, but it has become increasingly apparent that those less fortunate than ourselves are very often the ones who have been hit hardest by this pandemic.

Nowhere is this more the case, than children from families struggling to home school, with many trying to access school work on mobile 'phones – some pay-as-you-go, as they have no Wi-Fi available. Others may be sharing a laptop between several siblings, or worse with a parent who is trying to work from home.

This is a particularly stark reminder of the ever-widening gap between those who have, and those who do not. Whilst many local children are in an extremely fortunate position, we must not forget the increasing numbers living within our Parish, attending our local schools, for whom this last year has resulted in severe regression in their learning. Many have lost valuable months of education, with lack of access to technology likely to be a contributing factor.

Despite the Government supplying schools with laptops, as always there are those who just miss out. This is where we can help.

Our Lent Appeal this year is to raise as much money as we can to provide technology for these children at both Esher Church School and Esher High School. The funds will be divided equally between the two schools.

We have two examples:

1. £250.00 will buy 1 laptop, which we can order through Esher High School
2. £121.00 will buy 1 mini-PC, which fits into any HDMI TV. With keyboard and mouse the cost is around £130.00 inclusive of VAT

**Just four people giving £30 each, or two people giving £60 each
can help to transform a child's education during lockdown**

**Every little helps, and every donation towards
this cause will be gratefully received**

**Please remember these children, who deserve a positive start in life,
and need our support to help them achieve this.**

- Donations can be made by cheque, made payable to 'Esher PCC'.
- Alternatively, donations can be made via the Parish JustGiving page:
<https://www.justgiving.com/esherparish>

Please reference as Lent Laptops Appeal.

**Thank you in advance for your generosity – let's work together
to make a real difference and help these disadvantaged children.**