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Notes & News

Sunday 19 July 2020

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome Today has mixed emotions for me. I am delighted that we can worship again in our churches and it will be lovely to see many of you face to face at St Peter's today and next week at All Souls' and St Mark's. However I'm also a little anxious entering a new phase of our worshipping life as a parish. When we just had our online service there was a sense of unity as 60–70 households from across the parish and beyond joined together at the same time on YouTube or via the phone with another 10–15 watching the service on DVD. We greeted each other on the chat, saw each other's names and faces during the Peace and at the end of the service and were grateful for the technology that has enabled us to worship together in our own homes.



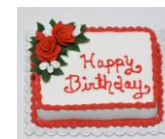
Whilst it is great that some can now worship in church on Sunday and those that can't, or prefer not to, can worship online, it has the potential to make us feel less united. My prayer, as Jesus' was for all believers in John 17, is that we may be one, united in Christ, not divided by where or how we worship. To ensure that unity we must respect each other's choices: whether to come to church or worship at home, whether we are excited or nervous coming back to church, or whether to wear a face covering or not (currently optional) etc. We must not comment or criticise people for the decisions they make, to try and justify what we have chosen, put pressure on people to act in a particular way (provided they can keep safe), but recognise and respect everyone's particular circumstances and feelings.

Unity is an attitude of the heart, so I pray we can all be generous in spirit with one another, enjoy our services however we worship and above all give God the glory he deserves as we continue to grow together in Christ.

Jonathan

*** HAPPY BIRTHDAY BARBARA! ***

Congratulations to Barbara Lloyd of St Peter's who is 90 today. Blessings from your church family.



Sunday 19 July – Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Mary and Rhoda

St Peter's 10.00am Holy Communion (CW)

HYMNS

Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation
Who breaks the power

READINGS For the Epistle Acts 12: 6-17
Gospel Luke 8: 1-3

SERMON Powerful Prayers

10.00am Online Morning Worship

Join from 9.45am to listen to music played by Matthew and St Peter's bells calling us to worship.

HYMNS

Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation
Before the throne of God above
Who breaks the power
And can it be

READINGS and SERMON – as for St Peter's

8.00pm Night Prayer (Via Zoom)



* ACCESSING OUR ONLINE SERVICES *

- via www.stpeterwoking.org/sundaylive which provides a link to YouTube and other information about the service
- subscribe to the Parish of St Peter Woking YouTube channel (click the Subscribe button below the video) to get direct access from YouTube without needing to go via the website
- listen via telephone for those without internet access. It is simple so please give it a try. Just before the service call **0330 0885830**, enter the meeting id as 585531880 when prompted then press #, then when asked for a participant id press # again and you will be able to listen to the service. It is a local call cost which is free for most people.

For those watching live via YouTube use the chat facility to talk to one another before, during and after the service. If you can't watch it live, it will be available online afterwards, but not by phone.

If you would like to meet face to face and chat after the online service, join us on Zoom with your coffee or tea. Use the Sunday Live meeting id of **585 531 880**

If you receive N&N by email you can download the service sheet from www.stpeterwoking.org/sundaylive or email the office for a copy.

If you have any problem or need technical help, please contact Robin on 01483 852560 or Mark on 01483 771094.

DAILY MORNING PRAYER

We meet every morning via Zoom for half an hour, pray, study the Bible and encourage one another. If you haven't already and wish to join, please do get in-touch with me and I will take you through the very simple steps of how to join. In the meantime, find below, next week's Bible readings.

If you have a prayer request, a testimony, an encouragement, be it yours or someone else's, that you would like us bring up at morning prayer, please do let me know by email, text or call on the details below. I look forward to hearing from you.

Next Week's Bible Readings

Mon	Psalm 123	Luke 20:41 – 21:4	Thu	Psalm 143	Luke 21: 29-38
Tue	Psalm 132	Luke 21: 3-19	Fri	Psalm 145	Luke 22: 1-13
Wed*	Psalm 32	Luke 8: 1-3	Sat**	Psalm 7	Luke 9: 46-56

* Mary Magdalene – on this day we remember and celebrate Mary Magdalene, one of the many women that travelled with Jesus and supported his ministry with her own money.

** James the Apostle – on this day we remember and celebrate James, who with John and Peter were Jesus' special inner circle. James was also sadly the first of the twelve disciples to die for his faith.

Morning prayer on Monday and Wednesday each week will be held in St Peter's and St Mark's Churches respectively at the usual time of 9.00am. These will be live streamed as well for those who would wish to join in via the Zoom app. If you wish to join us in church, please do carry along your own Bible (on your gadget or a physical Bible). And if you would wish to join in via Zoom, please email me on curate@stpeterwoking.org for details.

Rev Sam, Curate

* NIGHT PRAYER ON SUNDAYS AT 8.00pm *

All are welcome including those who wish to phone in. Use the web link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/585531880> or enter meeting id as 585531880.

* THIS WEEK PLEASE PRAY FOR ... *

the family and friends of Thelma Black, aged 87, of St Peter's Close. Her funeral will be held at St Peter's on Monday 27 July.

and also for Mary and Bob Baker, Eileen and Peter Bliss, Trevor Lloyd, Mary McAvoy, Joy Storkey and all those at home alone, both young and old.

* PARISH ENTERTAINMENT EVENING – Saturday 25 July at 7.00pm

We are planning an online entertainment evening via YouTube where anyone can take part and all can enjoy the talents in our congregations. Can you sing (solo or duet), dance, recite poetry or a monologue or play an instrumental. Perhaps you're a budding magician or have a party trick to display.

Further information from Brenda Cox, brendaatno7@gmail.com Tel 07921 160684

Your recorded contribution needs to be sent to Robin (cfm@stpeterwoking.com) by Tuesday 21 July at the very latest.

*** RETURNING TO WORSHIP IN OUR CHURCHES ***

We hope many of you will be able to join us for worship in church over the next few weeks, but we want to make sure our services are safe for everyone, so please bear in mind the following before you come:

- please do not attend a service if you have any symptoms of the virus or have come into contact with someone in the last 14 days who has tested positive.
- if you are at extra risk or classified as 'clinically extremely vulnerable' then please consider carefully the risks of coming to church, though the decision is yours alone.
- due to the risks of transmitting the virus lifts should not be given by church members so if you need a lift please ask a member of your household to take you if possible or consider a taxi that has safety measures in place.
- the wearing of face coverings is voluntary.
- to assist with the government's track and trace system we will keep a record for 21 days of all who attend our services.
- please don't arrive more than 15 minutes before the service starts to minimise the time spent in the closed environment.

To minimise risk of transmission of coronavirus the following measures will be in place in each church:

- a thorough cleaning regime will ensure that any surfaces likely to be touched by worshippers will have been cleaned before the service
- please use the hand sanitiser provided as you enter the church or bring your own
- please ensure you do not encroach within two metres of anyone from outside your household. You may have to queue to come in to church and as you wait to be instructed by a sidesperson as to where to sit, so please keep your distance.
- To ensure social distancing every other pew will be unavailable to be used in St Peter's and All Souls' and in St Mark's chairs will be placed where you can sit. Please sit at the far end of each row away from the aisle, except in the wide middle pews in St Peter's where it is best to sit in the middle. Only one household can sit in any pew or row, except for some middle pews at St Peter's where it may be possible for two individuals to sit two metres apart and away from the aisles.

- Unfortunately there can be no Sunday school provision for children and no tables set out for colouring and activities, so please bring your own activities for children. If you bring young children please don't let them wander around church as they have no concept of social distancing.
- There will be no collection during the service, but there will be a plate at the back of church for you to place your offering before or after the service. If you have been setting money aside for Gift Days or other purposes please put them in an envelope clearly marked. Cash and cheques will be accepted, but will not be handled for 72 hours.
- There will be no singing during the service, but hymns may be played for silent worship and reflection. During any responses please do not raise your voice.
- No hymn books or Bibles will be handed out, so if you would like a Bible please bring your own. In St Peter's and St Mark's all words will be shown on the screen. In All Souls' service sheets will be provided, but must be taken home.
- During communion we will be using individual communion wafers rather than bread; wine will not be offered. We will follow Church of England guidelines to keep it safe which will be explained during the service.
- After the service please wait to be told by the service leader and/or sidesperson when to leave and which exit to use. Please do not linger in the building. There will be no refreshments after the service, but you can talk outside church in groups of no more than six people if you keep two metres away from each other.

If you are unable to attend church in our buildings or, for any reason, would prefer not to please join in with online worship, phone in or request a DVD of the service from the parish office; we want everyone to be able to worship together in some way.

*** NO REVIVE SERVICE IN JULY ***

With services resuming in church this Sunday we have decided to cancel our online Revive service this month. We hope to resume it online or in person in September.

*** EVENING PRAYER BCP SERVICE ***

This service was filmed in St Peter's and livestreamed last Wednesday, but is available on our YouTube channel to participate in and watch any time.

Next Sunday 26 July
Seventh Sunday after Trinity
Judas and Silas



10.00am – Online Morning Worship
All Souls' 9.30am Holy Communion (CW)
St Mark's 11.00am Holy Communion (CW)
8.00pm – Night Prayer

*** SUNDAY SERVICES IN AUGUST ***

As well as the 10.00am Online service every week below is the schedule for services in church next month:

Sunday 2 August

10.00am St Peter's Morning Worship

Sunday 9 August

9.30am All Souls' Morning Prayer (BCP)

11.00am St Mark's Morning Worship

Sunday 16 August

10.00am St Peter's Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 23 August

9.30am All Souls' Holy Communion (CW)

11.00am St Mark's Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 30 August

11.00am St Mark's Parish United Outdoor Service

Please note: There will be no Night Prayer during August

*** CHURCH OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER ***

St Peter's and All Souls' churches are now open for private prayer. We are roping off many areas including pews and putting just a few chairs out to sit on to make it easier to keep clean and hygienic.

Please make use of our churches if you would like to and have no Covid-19 symptoms and abide by the rules for everyone's protection.

St Peter's is open

Monday to Friday 9.00am-12.30pm Sunday 9.00am-6.00pm

All Souls' is open

Sunday 9.00am-6.00pm

*** PASTORAL SUPPORT ***

Everyone who attends our services has been assigned a Link Person who will keep in touch with you by phone or email. If you would like any form of pastoral support please contact our Pastoral Assistant Brenda Cox on 07921 160684 or brendaatno7@gmail.com.

*** VACUUM CLEANER ***

St Peter's have been given a Vax vacuum cleaner, which is quite powerful. It is not complicated to use but if you not sure how to work it please ask for help. Martin (07850 287669) will tell you how.

*** COLLECT FOR SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY ***

Merciful God,
 you have prepared for those who love you
 such good things as pass our understanding:
 pour into our hearts such love toward you
 that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
 may obtain your promises,
 which exceed all that we can desire;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Amen



*** WEEKLY VIDEO LOG ***

Each week one of our ministry team, wardens or preachers is sharing a topical online reflection at www.stpeterwoking.org/reflections. – with Sam this week.

SAM'S SCENE – Thank you for the Encouragements

“When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.” Acts 11: 23-24

I am really enjoying our Sunday morning sermon series from the Book of Acts, learning and re-learning about some of the ordinary characters in the early church that God used to do ordinary things but with extra-ordinary results/rewards. One of these characters is Barnabas, who we are told was an encourager. And through his role/ministry in the early church, we are told, “A great number of people were brought to the Lord.” It delights me that whenever Barnabas encouraged Christians, non-Christians seeing this, became believers.

With this in mind, I just want to take this opportunity to thank the ‘Barnabases’ in this parish; that is each and every one that has been an encouragement to the ministry team and all those involved in putting together our online services (among other ministries) over the last few months. The YouTube comments, the emails, the texts, the calls have all been greatly appreciated. In fact, one parishioner even knitted us beautiful ‘Look alike Angels’ (in my case) as a thank you for all the efforts during lockdown.

All we do is for the Lord, and we know it's not in vain (1 Cor 15: 58) but we are grateful that our serving is appreciated by those we serve as well. It gives us great encouragement.

God bless Sam