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Notes & News

Sunday 9 August 2020

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome

With Jonathan away this week, I am tasked with writing a piece for the front page of our N&N this week. And just like Jonathan, it's not surprising at this time that many on the ministry team and a number of people in the parish are away on a break/holiday, or are just back from one (just like me) or plan to do so in the next few weeks.

With the many restrictions on travelling especially on trips abroad because of Covid-19, a number of us have chosen to holiday (take a break) within the country, which has now come to be termed as a 'staycation.'

This got me thinking about the need for rest and relaxation especially in this season. I wonder what comes to mind when you hear the words 'rest and relaxation?' Having lived in this country now for over 10 years, I find that we are a very busy people, and as a result, for many, rest and relaxation does not come naturally. Which is why, sometimes, it's not surprising to find many constantly in survival mode and feeling exhausted. And yet, rest and relaxation are very important to every human being. In fact, rest is one of only three 'ambitions' called out in the New Testament, the other two are to preach (Rom 15.20) and to please God (2 Cor 5.9).

That's how serious God is about rest, because resting requires us to trust in Him. When we stop all we are doing (working, striving), we give up control over the outcome of our efforts, which also means that the definition of rest does not only apply to our physical and emotional state, but that it also applies to our spirits as well.

In resting, God longs to "refresh our spirits and renew our strength". So, I hope you have got some rest planned this summer, and a good summer break could simply be being by the water (Psalm 23). Whatever it is, I pray that this season brings refreshment, rest and restoration for you and your family.



Sam

Sunday 9 August – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

The Jailer

All Souls'

9.30am Morning Worship (CW)

HYMNS

My Jesus, my saviour
When the Lord in glory comes

READINGS Joshua 24: 14-18
Acts 16: 16-34



SERMON The Jailer ~ A channel of the Good news of God's salvation

St Mark's 11.00am – Morning Worship (CW)

HYMNS, READINGS and SERMON – As for St Mark's

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

My Jesus, my saviour
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases
Make me a channel of your peace
When the Lord in glory comes

READINGS and SERMON – as for All Souls'

(There is no Night Prayer during August and Families at 11.30am is also taking a break)

* 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 Sam on 07923 331108.

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 49, 1 Samuel 19: 1-18	Thu	Psalm 63, 1 Samuel 21:1-22:5
Tue	Psalm 50, 1 Samuel 20: 1-17	Fri	Psalm 54, 1 Samuel 22:6-23
Wed	Psalm 59, 1 Samuel 20: 18-46	Sat	Psalm 98, 1 Samuel 23: 1-29

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

* THIS WEEK PLEASE PRAY FOR ... *

for the family and friends of Marcia Macfarlane, aged 81, of Heathside Park Road. and also for Bob Baker, Eileen and Peter Bliss, Trevor Lloyd, Mary McAvoy. Joy Storkey and all those at home alone, both young and old.

* SPRING HARVEST 2021 *

Good news – Spring Harvest 2021 is planned to take place after Easter next year. There are three weeks to choose from but numbers will be limited, so places will go quickly and I don't know what this will mean in terms of how chalet groupings will work. All dates are after Easter and are in the school holidays.

<u>Minehead One</u>	Tue 6 – Sat 10 April (5 days/4 nights)
<u>Minehead Two</u>	Sat 10 – Thu 15 April (6 days/5 nights)
<u>Skegness</u>	Mon 5 – Fri 9 April (5 days/4 nights)

I'm hoping to organise a group to go and the choice of week will be based on when the majority of people can go. If you're interested in joining us, please email me – clho1@tiscali.co.uk – by Sunday, 23 August, with your preference of week (if you have one).

Booking opens on 22 September but the sooner we can settle on a week the more likely we are to keep 2020 prices (including a £10 per person discount). Spring Harvest have said that "For your peace of mind, we will also be offering you a free COVID guarantee for all bookings at Butlin's – look out for more details to be announced about this soon".

And, after the success of 2020's Spring Harvest Home, there are plans for online content in 2021 too so even if you can't make it or would be happier to stay at home for another year, you won't miss out.



Next Sunday 16 August

*Tenth Sunday after Trinity
Priscilla and Aquila*

St Peter's 10.00am Holy Communion (CW)

10.00am – Online Morning Worship

(Please note: There will be no Night Prayer during August)

*** 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 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 have not heard from your Link Person or would like any form of pastoral support please contact our Pastoral Assistant Brenda Cox on 07921 160684 or brendaatno7@gmail.com.

*** EVENING PRAYER BCP SERVICE ***

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

*** COLLECT FOR EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY ***

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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



*** ENTERTAINMENT EVENING ON YOUTUBE - Saturday 5 September at 7.00pm***

Following the great success of our last entertainments evening we are planning to hold another one. During lockdown we have uncovered some amazing talents in the Parish, so this is your chance to have a go!!

We are holding a KARAOKE night, so this is an opportunity to have a go, everyone is invited to have some fun and show off their singing abilities. There are various websites where you can find a song that you can sing, if you have a problem finding one, Helen in the Parish Office or I will point you in the right direction.

When recording, please introduce yourself and what you are singing. Please have a go. Please let me know if you are participating, either by email, h4mvm7@gail.com, or on 07850 287669.

All recordings need to be completed by Tuesday 1 September and sent to Robin for editing together. God Bless, Stay safe. Martin Maguire.

WARDEN'S WINDOW

Ah, the time summer holidays are here. Sunny, lazy days, with no work or school to go to or quiet roads to drive to work on..... Oh, hold on a moment, that was earlier in the year, wasn't it!? The normal summer lull is now like the rush hour busy compared with lockdown just a few short months ago. How time flies. Or perhaps that's my age.

The writer of Ecclesiastes reminds us "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens". It seems strange to think of the past few months as being a time for everything; even stranger as we look to the immediate future with much talk of a "second wave" and what that might hold for us and our loved ones. The Psalmist reminds us though, in Psalm 31, to trust in the Lord – "I say, "You are my God. My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me".

If you've felt pursued by this pandemic, and perhaps all of us have at some point, what encouragement it is to know our times are in His hands.

Jacquie

* 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.
- **From 8 August, face coverings are required by law to be worn in a greater number of public indoor settings including places of worship. Please be mindful that there are valid exemptions for some individuals and groups to not wear a face covering in these settings.**
- 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.