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# Notes & News

## Sunday 10 January 2021 *Baptism of Christ*

### Welcome

“Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose”. The more things change, the more they stay the same goes the French quote that feels very relevant for us as we start this New Year and new lockdown. Lockdown 3 (hopefully the last one – nobody likes too many sequels!) seemed inevitable yet disappointing with even more restrictions than in Tier 4, back to homeschooling and only one outing for exercise per day allowed.

Surprisingly the government did not prohibit services in church, but many of us were uncomfortable with allowing such gatherings, however safely I believe we have been enabling them in our parish, when they are not allowed elsewhere and with the new strain of Covid-19 so virulent. We met as a PCC this week to discuss whether to continue with services in church. We weighed up the danger of the new strain of the virus, the much lower numbers of people attending services in church over the last few weeks, our Christian responsibility to protect each other, the spiritual comfort people receive from being together in church, the safety of gatherings and the message gathering in church sends out to our community when no other gatherings are allowed. With a large majority the PCC voted to **suspend public worship in church for the rest of January and February** with the aim of restarting in March when we hope restrictions begin to be lifted as lockdown measures and the widespread vaccination programme reduce the effect of the spread of the virus.

We know this will be a disappointment for a number of people, but welcomed by many as well. However, the ministry team will be offering new Zoom services on a Sunday morning for each congregation during this period to enable the sense of fellowship and participation that we get when together in church. We hope many will join in with these whether using Zoom or the telephone, so please see page 4 for further details. Our churches remain open for private prayer and the *Shop and Drop* service is still available so please take advantage of them.

“Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose” reminds me of Hebrews 13:8 “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever”, that I have quoted before, but in this time of continued change we need to remember and cling to more than ever.



Jonathan

**Sunday 3 January  
Baptism of Christ**

**NO SERVICES IN CHURCH**

**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

Hail to the Lord's anointed  
Our God is a great big God  
For I'm building a people of power  
O God of burning cleansing flame

FIRST READING Mark 1: 4-11

SECOND READING Acts 19: 1-7

SERMON **Baptism in the Spirit**

**5.00m Zoom Evening Prayer (BCP)**

HYMNS

Be thou my vision  
Jesus is Lord

CANTICLE Magnificat  
PSALM 89: 19-29 said from the Bible

FIRST READING Mark 1: 4-11

SECOND READING Acts 19: 1-7

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**\* THIS WEEK PLEASE PRAY FOR ...\***

Eileen and Peter Bliss, Patrick Chapman, Alison Cole, Enid Hardman, John Hunter, Lynda Kirk, Patricia and Pete Lawther (Pam Eales' niece and nephew-in-law), both in hospital with Covid, Catherine Mc Cormack ,Olive Park, Malcolm Pritchard, Joy Storkey and Barbara Thirst.

and also the Royal Surrey County Hospital as it offers mutual aid to other South East Hospitals. Staff are being drafted in from other hospitals in the area to support them. Also for stock supply chains to keep being fulfilled. They fear they are still heading towards the peak.

**\* CHURCH OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER \***

St Peter's and All Souls' churches are still open for private prayer. 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: Mon to Fri 9.00am-12.30pm  
Sunday 9.00am-6.00pm

All Souls' is open Sunday 9.00am-6.00pm  
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**\* ACCESSING OUR MORNING ONLINE SERVICES \***

- via [www.stpeterwoking.org/sundaylive](http://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. 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 then when asked for the password enter 1090 followed by #. You will then 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. You will now need to enter a password which will be 1090**

**We use Zoom for the BCP Evening Service**, with the same numbers as above.

The service will be recorded and uploaded to our YouTube channel the next day. The live Zoom service can be accessed by telephone as well which is described above

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

If you have need technical help, please contact Sam on 07923 331108.

**\* MORNING PRAYER BIBLE READINGS – REVISED \***

We meet every Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 9.30am via Zoom on the days below and you can join in person at St Mark's on Wednesdays and St Peter's on Thursdays  
**Please note:** Morning Prayers will resume on Monday 4 January.

**Next Week's Bible Readings**

Mon	Psalm 36	1 Corinthians 1: 1-17
Tue	Psalm 45	1 Corinthians 1: 18-31
Wed	Psalm 20	1 Corinthians 2
Thu	Psalm 21	1 Corinthians 3
Fri	Psalm 67	1 Corinthians 4

If you wish to join in via Zoom, please email me on [curate@stpeterwoking.org](mailto:curate@stpeterwoking.org) for details.  
Rev Sam – Curate

**\* SHOP AND DROP – WE CAN HELP \***

If you, or a friend, are self-isolating, our *Shop & Drop* service is here to help you! We are offering help with shopping, urgent supplies, posting mail and other errands, dog walking, a friendly phone call, or prayer. We have a few people on the scheme, but have the capacity for more, so please refer people to us. Cards are available to put through people's doors. Please email [shopanddrop@stpeterwoking.org](mailto:shopanddrop@stpeterwoking.org) or phone Jenny on 01483 852560.

**Sunday 17 January – Epiphany 2**

**NO SERVICES IN CHURCH**

**10.00am Online Worship (YouTube)**

**10.00am Zoom worship for St Mark's (see notice below)**

**\* NEW SUNDAY MORNING ZOOM SERVICES – NEW \***

With the decision not to hold services in church over the next two months we recognise that people will miss out on the fellowship of worshipping interactively with their specific church family so the ministry team will be offering some services on Zoom during this time for each congregation which has already worked well for the Evening Prayer congregation. The services will be at 10am at the same time as the YouTube service (which can be watched later for those who wish to) and broadly cover the same theme, but will be more interactive and slightly shorter with an opportunity to chat after the service. If you have internet access, but haven't used Zoom and would like help then please contact Jonathan or Sam. If you can't use Zoom then use the phone option where you will be just as much part of the service.

The planned services are as follows:

- Sun 17 Jan – 10.00am Morning Worship on Zoom for **St Mark's**
- Sun 24 Jan – 10.00am **Energise** on Zoom for families from any church
- Sun 31 Jan – 10.00am Morning Worship on Zoom for **St Peter's**
- Sun 7 Feb – 10.00am Morning Worship on Zoom for **All Souls'**
- Wed 17 Feb – 7.30 pm **Ash Wednesday** service on Zoom
- Sun 21 Feb – 10.00am Morning Worship on Zoom for **St Mark's**
- Sun 28 Feb – 10.00am **Energise** on Zoom for families from any church

The Zoom link will be:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81568752366?pwd=KzINRHNRVnY2OUpxWUZNRXJhNU5aZz09>

Meeting ID: 815 6875 2366, Passcode: 196785. If phoning in call 0330 0885830 and use this meeting id and passcode when asked to, followed by a #, with no need to enter a participant id.

**\* DAILY HOPE PHONE LINE \***

Daily Hope, a free national telephone line, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of the phone. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind; to provide comfort and spiritual nourishment to the most isolated in our society.

**\* WELCOME TO STEVE GREEN \***

It's a pleasure to welcome Steve Green amongst us this week. Steve is doing a placement with our parish until Easter as part of his training for ordination. He is married to Helen, lives in Send, and worships at Emmanuel Church Stoughton. He is currently Head of A Level Business and Economics at Woking College, having formerly been Principal of Christ's College Guildford. We are looking forward to getting to know Steve over these next few weeks and being blessed by his ministry, even if much of it will be online, and I know he is looking forward to getting to know us and experiencing life in our worshipping community.



**\* CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WOKING UNITY SERVICE REVISED \***

CTiW are holding their annual service of Christian Unity at St Dunstan's Church on Sunday 24 January at 3.00pm (**to be confirmed if still going ahead in church**) and will be livestreamed (**details to follow**). It will be based on the theme of *Climate Matters* and how we can, as churches together, unite and take action to help our environment. The Diocesan Environment Officer, Alison Moulden, will be speaking about how we can influence government and companies to take action. Three young environmental campaigners will be presenting six different aspects of environmental concern and there will be a panel for a Q and A session. It should be a great service so please join in.

**\* ENTERTAINMENT EVENING ON ZOOM - Saturday 23 January at 6.30pm – NEW \***

During these dark days of winter and another lockdown we thought it would be fun to get together for some live entertainment on Zoom. Whether you have a skill at singing, playing an instrument, acting a sketch, doing some magic etc or whether you just want to tell a few jokes, recite a favourite poem, read a favourite piece of prose, and whatever age you are we'd love you to join in.

If you would like to be part of the entertainment please contact Brenda Cox on 07921 160684 or email [brendaatno7@gmail.com](mailto:brendaatno7@gmail.com) by Thursday 21 January.

If you don't want to participate you are still very welcome to watch. The Zoom link will be

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/585531880?pwd=eEt5aDFiVjhqa2EzNXhtckQzRjlROTo9>, Meeting ID: 585 531 880, Passcode: 1090. We will record it and put it on YouTube afterwards for those who can't join live.

**\* CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT FUND \***

Thanks to the generous donations of many we have a good fund built up and are looking to make gifts to people affected by the virus in any way. If you know of someone appropriate, even if it is yourself, please let Jonathan or one of the wardens know.