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**Notes
& News**

Sunday 1 August 2021
Trinity 9

* RESTRICTIONS IN CHURCH – AMENDED *

Although restrictions have been lifted for church worship we want to continue to be careful and get the right balance between enjoying a little more freedom, but still making sure everyone who worships in our buildings is, and feels, safe. Therefore this is what worship in our churches will look like for the foreseeable future, and we'll see how we go:

- ◆ We will all be able to sing. Hallelujah!
- ◆ We will enable social distancing by continuing to rope off some pews and not putting chairs too close together
- ◆ If you wish to sit in the same row as someone not in your bubble please check with them first
- ◆ Face masks are optional during the service, but we would encourage people to wear them when moving around the church before and after the service
- ◆ Communion will continue to be in one kind only, wafers and not wine
- ◆ Hand sanitiser will be available on entering the church and should be used
- ◆ We will keep the churches well ventilated
- ◆ If you have the COVID app please check in to our buildings, we won't be using Test and Trace lists any more
- ◆ Refreshments will be served after church and we will encourage people to go outside or sit well spaced inside
- ◆ Please be considerate of people's own personal choices. That means not commenting on whether or not they use face masks, sit on their own etc.
- ◆ Please keep your distance from people when moving around the buildings

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Churches have been very safe places during the pandemic and I am not aware of any cases of COVID occurring through people coming into any of our churches. We hope that these measures will encourage those who have not been back to worshipping in church buildings to return, but recognise some may still not be ready to come back.

Please see the piece about lifts if you need a lift to church.

Jonathan

Sunday 1 August
Ninth Sunday after Trinity

St Peter's 10.00am – All-Age Worship

This service will be Livestreamed on YouTube

<u>HYMNS</u>	631	Tell out my soul
	JP 559	I'm gonna jump up and down
		Build your kingdom here
	857	I the Lord of sea and sky
<u>OLD TESTAMENT</u>	Genesis 28: 10-22	
<u>SERMON</u>	Building the Church	

*** NEWS FROM RACHEL – NEW ***

As you probably know, for the last 18 months I've been exploring a call to Ordained Local Ministry. I'm delighted, relieved, humbled and terrified to say that following my final interviews the Bishops' Advisors have affirmed my calling and recommended I go forward for training. Thank you all for your support, encouragement and prayers over the last 12 years since I first walked to the front of St Peter's with Scruff in my arms. I am living proof that "God's power is made perfect in weakness" since I am most definitely weak! Serving God is a privilege and joy.

If you're wondering today if God is calling you and if you're willing to respond, I would say YES – God is calling you to serve him in some way and there is no better life than to respond to that call.

God bless, Rachel

Sunday 8 August

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	All Souls'	Morning Worship (BCP)
11.00am	St Mark's	Morning Worship (CW) <i>This service will also be livestreamed on YouTube</i>
6.30pm	St Peter's	Evening Prayer (BCP)

*** MICK'S MUSINGS ***

My readings took me into Job. As I was reading Chapter 8 the verse that stood out for me was v.28 "Can God reject a blameless man".

Why did Bildad, one of Job's comforters, assume that Job was rejected by God? Do we measure God's approval by happenings on earth, or what happens to a person. God's approval and disapproval are shown at the same time on the cross. His disapproval of all sin and His love and approval of the individual. Bad, unpleasant things happen they are NOT signs of God's rejection, they may be warning signs, or God may teach through them, and we must accept the consequences of our own behaviour but God does not use them to punish us or as a sign of His rejection.

Bildad was wrong in the assumption that Job's suffering was a sign of God's rejection. God does not reject a blameless person neither does He reject a blameworthy person. God does not reject anybody – that is the message of the cross.

Mick

* BEACH TRIP – Sunday 12 September *

We are deciding whether or not there is enough interest to go ahead with our annual Beach Trip to West Wittering on Sunday 12 September where we have a BBQ, beach service and games and always a wonderful time of fun and fellowship. We are prepared to hire a minibus or two for those who would like to, but recognise that some may prefer to travel independently.

If you are interested could you email or call Jonathan by Sunday 1 August (vicar@stpeterwoking.org or 01483 762707).



* EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES – NEW *

Farnham Christian Community Trust, a local charity Serving Christ and the community by encouraging, facilitating, and supporting inter-church initiatives, has two paid opportunities available:

Inter-Church Schools Work Project Leader

An opportunity for someone with experience in education, to lead a group of volunteers in an expression of Christian faith-based work in local infant, junior and primary schools.

Finance Administrator

Part-time Administrator is needed to play a key role in administering the financial activities and related areas of FCCT in it's mission supporting inter-church projects.

For more details please see the FCCT website at <https://www.fcct.support>

* LIFTS TO CHURCH *

We would love to encourage everyone to return to services in church over the next few weeks but recognise that for some people they require lifts. Lifts are now allowed under government guidelines so we would like to get a system in place for enabling everyone to come to church who wants to.

If you would like a lift or are able to offer a lift could you please contact the parish office on 01483 755852, admin@stpeterwoking.org stating when you are likely to start receiving or offering and how frequently you would like a lift or can offer a lift. We will then do some matching to make arrangements and may use *Help at Hand* who offer lifts as well. Please don't feel you are putting anyone out, as a church family we are here to support each other.

* THIS WEEK PLEASE PRAY FOR ...*

Eileen and Peter Bliss, Patrick Chapman, Brenda Collard, Frank Davenport, Barbara Jones, Lynda Kirk, Barbara Lanaway, Barbara Lloyd, Trevor Lloyd, Doreen McKinnon, Olive Park, Denise Randall and Joy Storkey.

* THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR PAT MOORSE *



There will be a Thanksgiving Service followed by Internment of Ashes

next Saturday 7 August at 3.00pm at St Peter's Church for Pat Moore, Mick's wife, who died last year and was only able to have a small funeral.

Mick and the family would love it if people who knew Pat could come to the service and join them afterwards for refreshments in the Church Centre.

* SERVICES FOR REMAINDER OF AUGUST – UPDATED *

Sunday 8 August	9.30am	Morning Worship (BCP) at All Souls'
	11.00am	Morning Worship at St Mark's (Livestreamed)
Sunday 15 August	6.30pm	Evening Prayer (BCP) at St Peter's
	10am	Holy Communion at St Peter's (Livestreamed)
Sunday 22 August	9.30am	Morning Worship (BCP) at All Souls'
	11.00am	Morning Worship at St Mark's (Livestreamed)
Sunday 29 August	6.30pm	Evening Prayer (BCP) at St Peter's
	11.00am	Parish United Outdoor Service at St Mark's (No livestream)

* CHURCHES OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER *

St Peter's and All Souls' churches are still open for private prayer.

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

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.

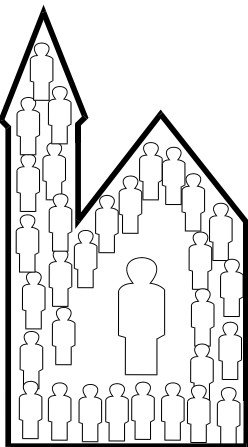
*** LIVING STONES SURVEY – NEW ***

As we enter a new season in the life of the church, we are wanting to find out a bit more about each person associated with the parish, whatever age you are, and how we can all be Living Stones in our churches.

Could you please complete our short Living Stones survey which will be handed out in church today and next week or can be completed online at

www.stpeterwoking.org/livingstones

*"You, like
living
stones, are
being built
into a
spiritual
house"
1 Peter 2.5*



*** ONLINE SERVICES – NEW ***

From today we will livestream our morning services from within church, rather than pre-recording them, so you can still watch our services on YouTube as now. We will mainly livestream from St Peter's at 10.00am but once a month or so will livestream from St Mark's at 11.00am. Details will always be in N&N the previous week. We won't be livestreaming the evening services anymore, nor enabling the phone in option or meeting for a chat on Zoom afterwards.

Livestreaming will not be the same quality of music and sound as the pre-recorded services but will still enable you to join in and feel part of our worship. If you do not want to appear on a livestream please let Jonathan know and avoid sitting in the front row or being involved in anything up front.

We won't be delivering DVDs on Saturdays from this week, or automatically sending service sheets and N&N by post to those currently receiving them. However, for those who can't come to church and would like a DVD of the livestreamed service or N&N by post please let Helen, in the office, know (01483 755852).

*** FUTURE SERVICE PATTERN ***

Full details of the future service pattern, which will begin in September, were given in Notes & News on 27 June and 4 July and will be repeated again before the end of this month. Back copies of N&N can be found on our website www.stpeterwoking.org

*** MORNING PRAYER BIBLE READINGS – UPDATED ***

We meet on **Monday to Friday**, 9.00am to 9.30am via Zoom as below.

Next Week's Bible Readings

Mon 2	Ezekiel 37: 1-14	Mark 1: 1-13
Tue 3	Ezekiel 37: 15-28	Mark 1: 14-20
Wed 4	Ezekiel 39: 21-29	Mark 1: 21-28
Thu 5	Ezekiel 43: 1-12	Mark 1: 29-45
Fri 6	Ezekiel 48: 1-10	1 John 3: 1-3

Transfiguration of our Lord

On Thursdays Morning Prayer now takes place in St Peter's as well as on Zoom for those who would like to join in person.

If you wish to join in via Zoom, please email me on curate@stpeterwoking.org for details.

Rev Sam – Curate

*** ACCESSING OUR LIVESTREAMED SERVICES – NEW ***

The Sunday morning Livestreamed Services on YouTube at 10.00am or 11.00am

There are two ways to access these:

- ✘ via www.stpeterwoking.org/sundaylive which provides a link to YouTube, a service sheet 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

You may find it hard to read the words for hymns and Bible readings on Livestream so have a hymn book and Bible available. Hymn books can be borrowed from church.

There will be no phone in service from now on and no Zoom chat after the service.