



APPOINTMENT OF THE REVD DR SAMUEL GIBSON AS VICAR OF ST GEORGE'S

From the Archdeacon of Birmingham

I am very pleased to announce that following a prayerful process of discernment, Sir Euan Anstruther-Gough-Calthorpe as Patron has presented, and the Bishop of Birmingham has appointed, the Revd Dr Samuel Gibson as Vicar of St George's Edgbaston. Sam has been serving his curacy in the Solihull Team Ministry, and I am sure that you will join me in congratulating him warmly on his appointment and looking forward to all that Sam will bring to the parish.

Sam will also use his academic gifts to contribute to ministerial formation within Church of England Birmingham. Arrangements for Sam's institution and induction will be announced in due course.

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

12th July 2020

8.00am **Morning Prayer (BCP) by telephone conference call.** **Jenny Uff**
To join us from a UK land line or mobile phone dial freephone 0800 098 8002 . When prompted, enter **71370368#** (REMEMBER TO ENTER THE # "Hash" AFTER THE NUMBERS) You will hear the recorded voice say: "If you are the leader press 1 now" – do nothing, just wait. When prompted, after the tone, please say your name followed by the hash (#) key. You will hear everyone on the line and they will hear you. Please try to join by 7.55 am and do not leave (hang up) until the service is over.

Psalm 64; Deuteronomy 28.1-14; Acts 28.17– end.

10.30am **Morning Prayer (Common Worship) with organ music—in Church**
Psalm 119.105-112, Romans 8.1-11, Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23.

No separate open church for private prayer on Sunday

Next Sunday

19th July 2020

8.00am *Morning Prayer (BCP) by telephone conference call.*

Jenny Uff

10.30am *Holy Communion with The Venerable Paul Taylor (details to be confirmed)*

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The Christian Community

We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are,
whatever it costs
For as long as it takes
wherever you call us

Those who are ill:

Andrew Dunn	Miroslava Blahova
John Wynn	Jo Cox
Nick Sales	Margaret Smith
Pam Knight	Priscilla White
Carol Smith	Ken Lee
Tracey Blunn	Natalie Paul
Jayne Mertling-Blake	Anne Phelps
Valentina Milward	Mary Howard
Janet Taylor	

Amen

A Prayer for the Week

Eternal God. Comforter of the afflicted and healer of the broken, teach us ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW VICAR

I'm excited to have been appointed as Vicar. I hope to move into the Vicarage over the summer with Charlotte, my wife (who is training to be a priest) and our two children Rodaidh, 6 and Seona, 4. Charlotte and I know the area quite well as we met at the University of Birmingham, but as we found on a recent visit to Edgbaston there are plenty of new things to discover! I trained for the priesthood at St Stephen's House, Oxford and we're currently based at St Alphege Solihull where I have been serving as Curate since 2017. I'm looking forward to getting to know you all and find out what God is calling us to next.

(As your Parish Representatives in the discernment process we are delighted with the outcome and add our congratulations to Fr Sam on his appointment. We also wish to thank you all for your help in the preparation of the Parish Statement and continued support during the interregnum. We acknowledge the cheerful leadership and sound advice of the Archdeacon and Area Dean throughout. We now look forward to welcoming the vicar and his family and offer them our enthusiastic support on your behalf for the rejuvenation of our parish. Nick Gibbs and Keith Uff)

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is an important meeting for the whole parish. It is the opportunity for the members of the congregation to elect the people they want to be on the Parochial Church Council (PCC). The congregation can ask questions and comment about the finances of the church, the state of the church building, or about any matter of concern to the parish. The APCM will be held in church **this Tuesday 14th July at 7pm**. Reports and Accounts will be circulated by email and will be available on the website, with some printed copies available for the meeting.

RELAXATION OF COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Printed service sheets for single use will be provided (You are welcome to bring your own Common Worship if you have a copy). The services will be held in the North Aisle with seating provided on chairs, spaced 1 to 2 metres apart (single or combined household groups are welcome to move chairs closer together in rows). Music will be provided by Phil Ypres-Smith and the responses will be spoken by the congregation. Names of those attending will be recorded in case we need to trace people in the event of an infection outbreak. The wearing of a face covering inside the building is optional while we maintain through ventilation and you maintain social distancing. We have limited access to other parts of the church to control the areas that can be cleaned effectively with our limited volunteer resources.

We will continue to assess the risks of congregational worship at St George's in the light of advice from government, the House of Bishops and the Diocese of Birmingham as we prepare for Eucharist services.

24 HOURS OF PRAYER

Well done to Kate Tingle, Carol Austin, Pat Bullock (with Phil Ypres-Smith on St George's Organ) and Jenny Uff for their beautiful presentation of reflections and prayers leading our slot in the early morning of 10th July as part of the 24 hours of prayer organised by the Diocese via Zoom teleconference 9th—10th July. This was one of the fruits of the Zoom prayer group started by Eve Kirby during lockdown.

FACE COVERING MASKS OFFER

Jane Darnton (tel: 0121 440 7813) has received a new (but limited) supply of elastic and offers to use her sewing machine to make double cotton layered face masks if you are in need. They are not medical quality, but are secure on the face and washable, and may help if you have to be on public transport or in crowded places. For government guidance on the wearing of a face covering see this link [https:// www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering#wearing-a-face-covering](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering#wearing-a-face-covering)

SAFEGUARDING

Many thanks to those of you who have completed DBS checks and safeguarding training and particularly to Derek Blake for urging us on to update those certification processes. As a result, the diocese has moved St George's from Level 1 – Safer Foundations, to Level 2 – Safer Activities. We now look