



SAVE THE DATE

A tentative date for the licensing of our new vicar, the Revd Dr Sam Gibson, has been proposed for Friday 4th September at 7:30pm. It is not yet clear whether this will be in church, or by teleconference, or both. All to be confirmed—but do ‘save the date’ for this important event!

WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS IN CHURCH

On Friday, The Church of England issued new advice which was summarised as: ***“We strongly advise that face coverings should be worn by all those attending a place of worship.”*** . We will consider how to adapt our current worship patterns in the light of this new advice. For now, we recommend that face coverings are worn.

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

26th July 2020

8.00am **Morning Prayer (BCP) by telephone conference.** **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 77; Song of Solomon 2; 1 Peter 4 .7– 14.

10.30am **Morning Prayer from Common Worship, with Organ Music**
Romans 8.26-end, Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52.

Next Sunday

2nd August 2020

8.00am *Morning Prayer*

Simon Kirby

10.30am *Holy Communion*

Revd Prof Hugh Houghton

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Our Nation

God of hope,
in these times of change,
unite our nation
and guide our leaders with your wisdom.
Give us courage to overcome our fears,
and help us to build a future
in which all may prosper and share;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

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	Christopher Burt
Helen Clarke	

A Prayer for the Week

Lord of all power and might, the author of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate our Parish Administrator, Marcia Cannings, on the award of a BSc (Hons) Open degree mainly in Social Sciences and Psychology from the Open University. Marcia commenced studies in 2011 at the prompting of a previous employer and graduated with a BSc Open degree in the same subjects in 2018, then chose to try for her Honours the following year. She is thrilled with the result of 2.2 Honours, as the end of a long and worthwhile journey.

PREPARATIONS

With the licensing of Fr Sam proposed for 4th September we are reviewing our provision of services during August and hope to maintain what we have started since reopening while allowing for a well-earned break for our reader Jenny Uff. Meanwhile there is an opportunity to review what we have provided remotely during lockdown and to see how we can build the systems we will need for remote access to services by video and telephone for those who are unable to come to church. We are grateful to Michael Pritchard who has started the task of refreshing our information systems and technology in preparation for a "new normal". Michael will be experimenting with recording of services.

RESTORATION OF THE VICAR'S VESTRY

Work started as planned last week with the removal of existing plaster from the Vicar's Vestry. This has revealed damage to the timber wall plate which has been affected by rot in the damp conditions. The walls will now be allowed to dry before remediation work is continued.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

The first meeting of the new PCC will be held on **Tuesday 28th July at 7pm by Zoom** teleconference (with telephone access by prior arrangement).

KARIS: TOYS AND ACTIVITIES

We have heard that Karis have been very busy distributing toys and activities to children during their time out of school. We are seeking further details of the types of gifts they are seeking for a collection in church during August,

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS (UPDATED)

Services at church will be held in the North Aisle and in the Crossing in front of the Sanctuary 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. Service sheets will either be provided for single use (Mattins) or service booklets will have been unused for 72 hours or longer (Holy Communion). If you are showing symptoms of coronavirus please stay at home and inform us if you have attended church in the last 14 days. The wearing of a face covering inside the building is strongly advised. We manage risk additionally by through ventilation and ask you to 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.

The distribution of Holy Communion will be in one kind only and will be brought to communicants at their seats by servers and placed in their hands using tongs. We will continue to assess the risks of congregational worship at St George's and will adapt our use of the church building as necessary. Your comments are welcome.

FACE COVERINGS 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 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering>.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

We need to make you aware of the processing of additional data.

1. Attendance at 10:30am services at church has been recorded on paper for the purpose of tracing people who may be affected by an outbreak of coronavirus. Records will be destroyed 21 days after the relevant service.
2. We are starting experiments with recording services for streaming and may capture images of the congregation (though we will be concentrating on those delivering the service).

If you wish to access or remove any of your data please contact Nick Gibbs 07774 642747.