



LICENSING OF REVD SAM GIBSON AS VICAR OF ST GEORGE'S EDGBASTON

The date for the licensing of our new vicar, the Revd Dr Sam Gibson, has now been confirmed as Friday 4th September at 7:30pm, but we do not yet know the format of the service. The Bishop of Birmingham has now issued the formal notice of Fr Sam's appointment.

WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS IN CHURCH

The Diocese of Birmingham has reinforced the Church of England's message that: **"We strongly advise that face coverings should be worn by all those attending a place of worship."**

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

2nd August 2020

8.00am **Morning Prayer (BCP) by telephone conference.** **Led by Simon Kirby**
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 85; Song of Solomon 5.2-end; 2 Peter 1 .1- 15.

10.30am **Holy Communion** **Revd Prof Hugh Houghton**
Genesis 32.22-31, Romans 9.1-5, Matthew 14.13-21.

Next Sunday *9th August 2020*
8.00am *Morning Prayer by teleconference* *Jenny Uff*

10.30am *Holy Communion* *The Venerable Jenny Tomlinson, Archdeacon of Birmingham*

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Tracy Williams

Please pray for Tracy G. Williams, the brother of our Verger, Charles, who is being ordained as priest at 3:30pm on Friday, 7th August at St Matthews, Thorpe Hamley, Norwich by the Right Reverend Graham Usher, Bishop of Norwich. Also pray for his ministry going forward.

Thanksgiving

From Sharon, St Stephen the Martyr: Recently, my mum needed a job after not working for about six years to take care of us. She desired a particular kind of job but couldn't get it. But just as she was about to give up and settle for something else, God surprised us and gave her the job of her dream. We give thanks to our God who answers prayers!

Church of England Birmingham .. Praying Together for 2nd August

<https://www.cofebirmingham.com/everyday-faith/being-a-christian/cofeb-praying-together/>

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	

Lammas Day (1st August)

And after seven nights* of summer's brightness Weed-month slips into the dwellings; everywhere August brings to peoples of the earth Lammas Day. So autumn comes, after that number of nights but one, bright, laden with fruits. Plenty is revealed, beautiful upon the earth.

(* Seven nights after the feast of St James)

<https://aclerkofoxford.blogspot.com/2017/08/a-little-history-of-lammas.html>

Prayer for the Week

Lord, we give thanks that you are the one true constant in an ever-changing world. Please be with us in the situations we face this week and give us the resilience we need to cope with setbacks and accomplish the things you have set before us.

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 today 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.

ELECTION OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Many thanks to all who are willing to continue to serve and represent this parish. The results of the elections at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 14th July were:

Churchwardens: Nick Gibbs, Keith Uff
Representatives of the laity in the Edgbaston and Warley Deanery Synod:

Derek Mertling-Blake, Michael Pritchard
Elected to the Parochial Church Council:
Carol Austin, Carol Couse, Caroline Shaw, Phillip Ypres-Smith

The following were appointed as sidespersons:
David Allen, John Everson, Carol Austin, Raichelle Jukes, Andy Butler, Michael Pritchard, Tracey Butler, Jenny Uff, John Cooper, Keith Uff, Maggi Cull, Charles Williams.

WANTED: DEANERY SYNOD REP.

There is a vacancy for one more representative of the parish on the Edgbaston and Warley Deanery Synod and an opportunity for someone to be co-opted onto the PCC for this role. This comes at an interesting time as the new expanded Deanery is established.

MIDWEEK OPENING OF CHURCH

The PCC resolved to continue to open the church between 11am and 1pm on Wednesdays and Fridays during August. Thank you to those who have volunteered to supervise. The occasional visitors are grateful.

LET THERE BE LIGHT: We are arranging for a demonstration of the proposed lighting scheme on 18th or 19th August. This will be an opportunity for all to see the potential effects. Details to follow.

TOY SCHEME

The toy scheme for Ladywood schoolchildren has come to an end now, but we hear from Gerardine Giblin that eighty needy families have been referred by schools and other centres for support over the summer.

They are to receive food parcels, vouchers, nappies and toiletries. Please consider contributing on behalf of St George's, donations of money which will give volunteers some control over proportions of gifts. Cheques to be made out to Ladywood Community Project, Thank you.

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.

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, Data Protection Officer on 07774 642747.