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# Notes & News

## Sunday 12 July 2020

### Fifth Sunday after Trinity

**We are open for worship!** It has been nearly four months since we have been able to worship together in church, but I'm pleased to announce that from next Sunday 19 July we will be able to do so again. Thank you to all who completed the questionnaire we sent out, the responses were helpful in helping us estimate what numbers would look like in each church once we restarted worship. Using this information we agreed at a PCC at a meeting last week we would do the following:

- trial a temporary service pattern of worship in our church buildings from Sunday 19 July to the end of August which would be reviewed in mid-August to determine what would happen from September onwards.
- continue to have pre-recorded online worship at 10.00am every Sunday via YouTube during this period (with DVDs and the phone option available), recognising that many people are not ready to come back to worshipping in church yet and that these services have been hugely appreciated.
- hold a morning service every week alternating between St Peter's at 10.00am on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, and All Souls' at 9.30am and St Mark's at 11.00am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. One service a month in each church will be Holy Communion and the other Morning Worship. The services will follow the same readings, theme and sermon as the online service, but there will be no singing, though we hope to have one or two hymns played to listen to as part of our worship. The services will last 40–45 minutes. Those attending can watch the online service at a later time if they wish to. Because of capacity restrictions in each church services at All Souls' and St Mark's should be limited to those who worship regularly in those churches plus any visitors. St Peter's should have enough capacity for those from St Mark's and All Souls' to attend when there is no service in their church. If we do reach capacity in any church we may have to turn people away, but from the results of the questionnaire we hope that won't happen.
- there will be no 6.30pm Evening Prayer BCP services in St Peter's due to a lack of numbers, but the online BCP service will continue twice a month on Wednesday evenings via YouTube.

This allows a gradual return to our regular service pattern which is sustainable for the ministry team and volunteers over the summer period. We hope many of you can join us over the next few weeks in church, but please read the section later in N&N with more information before deciding whether to come.

Jonathan

**Sunday 12 July – Fifth Sunday after Trinity**  
**10.00am – Online Morning Worship – Barnabas**



Join from 9.45am to listen to music played by Matthew and St Peter's bells calling us to worship and remember to have a candle to light at the start of the service.

**HYMNS**

Great is thy faithfulness  
 O praise the name of the Lord our God  
 He who would valiant be  
 Be thou my vision

**READINGS**

Luke 1: 39–45  
 Acts 11: 19–26

**SERMON**

**A man called Barnabas**

**8.00pm Night Prayer (Via Zoom)**

**\* ACCESSING OUR 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. It is simple so please give it a try. 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 you will 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**

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 any problem or need technical help, please contact Robin on 01483 852560 or Mark on 01483 771094.

**\* NIGHT PRAYER ON SUNDAYS AT 8.00pm \***

All are welcome including those who wish to phone in. Use the web link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/585531880> or enter meeting id as 585531880.

**\* EVENING PRAYER BCP SERVICE – Wednesday 15 July at 7.00pm \***

Our twice monthly BCP service will be led by Jonathan from St Peter's next week. Join live via *YouTube* or afterwards. Watching details are as for Sunday services.

**DAILY MORNING PRAYER**

We meet every morning via Zoom for half an hour, pray, study the Bible and encourage one another. If you haven't already and wish to join, please do get in-touch with me and I will take you through the very simple steps of how to join. In the meantime, find below, next week's Bible readings.

If you have a prayer request, a testimony, an encouragement, be it yours or someone else's, that you would like us bring up at morning prayer, please do let me know by email, text or call on the details below. I look forward to hearing from you.

**Next Week's Bible Readings**

Mon	Psalm 98, Luke 19 28–40	Thu	Psalm 116, Luke 20: 9–19
Tue	Psalm 106, Luke 19: 41–48	Fri	Psalm 139, Luke 20: 20–26
Wed	Psalm 111, Luke 20: 1–8	Sat	Psalm 118, Luke 20: 27–40

**Morning prayer on Monday and Wednesday this week** will be held in St Peter's and St Mark's Churches respectively at the usual time of 9.00am. These will be live streamed as well for those who would wish to join in via the Zoom app. If you wish to join us in church, please do carry along your own Bible (on your gadget or a physical Bible). And if you would wish to join in via Zoom, please email me on [curate@stpeterwoking.org](mailto:curate@stpeterwoking.org) for details.

Rev Sam, Curate

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

Mary and Bob Baker, Eileen and Peter Bliss, Trevor Lloyd, Mary McAvoy and all those at home alone, both young and old.

**\* PARISH ENTERTAINMENT EVENING – Saturday 25 July at 7.00pm**



We are planning an online entertainment evening via *YouTube* where anyone can take part and all can enjoy the talents in our congregations. Can you sing (solo or duet), dance, recite poetry or a monologue or play an instrumental. Perhaps you're a budding magician or have a party trick to display.

If you would like to participate please email or ring me as soon as possible, so that I can discuss this with you. Brenda Cox, [brendaatno7@gmail.com](mailto:brendaatno7@gmail.com) Tel 07921 160684



**\* OPEN THE BOOK – GOING DIGITAL \***

This parish, together with New Life Church, would normally send an *Open the Book* team into the schools every fortnight to share Biblical stories with the children and teachers. Obviously, since the end of March this has not been possible but with more and more pupils going back to school, we didn't want to miss this opportunity.

So, for the last four weeks of term we have been recording our *Open the Book* session to send to the school to use either in classrooms or send home. It has been wonderful to return to this sharing of God's word and if you would like to check out what *Open the Book* looks like we will be sharing our digital *Open the Book* sessions on our *YouTube* channel: <http://stpeterwoking.org/otb>

**Next Sunday 19 July**  
**Sixth Sunday after Trinity**  
**Mary and Rhoda**

**10.00am – Online Morning Worship**  
**10.00am St Peter's – Holy Communion (CW)**

**8.00pm – Night Prayer**



**\* WEEKLY VIDEO LOG \***

Each week one of our ministry team, wardens or preachers is sharing a topical online reflection at [www.stpeterwoking.org/reflections](http://www.stpeterwoking.org/reflections) with Geoff Pugh this week.

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

St Peter's and All Souls' churches are now open for private prayer. We are roping off many areas including pews and putting just a few chairs out to sit on to make it easier to keep clean and hygienic.

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

Monday to Friday	9.00am-12.30pm
Sunday	9.00am-6.00pm

All Souls' is open

Sunday	9.00am-6.00pm
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**\* PASTORAL SUPPORT \***

Everyone who attends our services has been assigned a Link Person who will keep in touch with you by phone or email. If you have not heard from your Link Person or would like any form of pastoral support please contact our Pastoral Assistant Brenda Cox on 07921 160684 or [brendaatno7@gmail.com](mailto:brendaatno7@gmail.com).

**\* GIFT DAY FOR MIKE AND SAFAA CLOUD \***

Last week we held a Gift Day for our Mission Partners, Mike and Safaa Cloud, who run day centres for disabled children in North Africa. We aim to raise £1000 for each of our Mission Partners each year so thank you to all who have generously given to support their ministry.

If you have not done so yet and are able to, please consider giving towards their work. This can be done in one of three ways:

- online at [www.stpeterwoking.org/giving](http://www.stpeterwoking.org/giving) which will direct you to our KindLink page where you can make a donation
- sending a cheque made payable to 'the Parish of St Peter Woking' to the Parish Office, Church Street, Old Woking, GU22 9JF
- setting money aside in a marked envelope to be given in when you are able to come to church

**\* COLLECT FOR FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY \***

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

**\* A PERSONAL PRAYER \***

O gracious and holy Father,  
give us wisdom to perceive you,  
diligence to seek you,  
patience to wait for you,  
eyes to behold you,  
a heart to meditate upon you,  
and a life to proclaim you,  
through the power of the spirit  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



**VICAR'S VIEW**

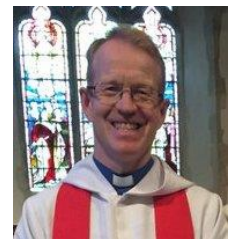
*I'm sure I'm not the only one, but my head is spinning right now with all the changes that are going on with government advice about what we can and can't do as individuals and now as churches. There is so much to think about and carefully plan so that we can safely return to worship in church that even someone like me who generally embraces change is finding it a bit too much!*

*So I found myself singing a chorus from my Sunday School days based on Hebrews 13:8 that many of us know:*

*"Yesterday, today, forever, Jesus is the same,  
All may change, but Jesus never  
Glory to His name!"*

*Change is part of being human, however large or small it is, and whether we like it or not, but the constant loving character and presence of God reassures me that he is always there for us and that will never change.*

*Jonathan*



## **\* RETURNING TO WORSHIP IN OUR CHURCHES \***

We hope many of you will be able to join us for worship in church over the next few weeks, but we want to make sure our services are safe for everyone, so please bear in mind the following before you come:

- Please do not attend a service if you have any symptoms of the virus or have come into contact with someone in the last 14 days who has tested positive.
- if you are at extra risk or classified as 'clinically extremely vulnerable' then please consider carefully the risks of coming to church, though the decision is yours alone.
- Due to the risks of transmitting the virus lifts should not be given by church members so if you need a lift please ask a member of your household to take you if possible or consider a taxi that has safety measures in place.
- The wearing of face coverings is voluntary.
- To assist with the government's track and trace system we will keep a record for 21 days of all who attend our services.
- Please don't arrive more than 15 minutes before the service starts to minimise the time spent in the closed environment.

To minimise risk of transmission of coronavirus the following measures will be in place in each church:

- A thorough cleaning regime will ensure that any surfaces likely to be touched by worshippers will have been cleaned before the service
- Please use the hand sanitiser provided as you enter the church or bring your own
- Please ensure you do not encroach within two metres of anyone from outside your household. You may have to queue to come in to church and as you wait to be instructed by a sidesperson as to where to sit, so please keep your distance.
- To ensure social distancing every other pew will be unavailable to be used in St Peter's and All Souls' and in St Mark's chairs will be placed where you can sit. Please sit at the far end of each row away from the aisle, except in the wide middle pews in St Peter's where it is best to sit in the middle. Only one household can sit in any pew or row, except for some middle pews at St Peter's where it may be possible for two individuals to sit two metres apart and away from the aisles.

- Unfortunately there can be no Sunday school provision for children and no tables set out for colouring and activities, so please bring your own activities for children. If you bring young children please don't let them wander around church as they have no concept of social distancing.
- There will be no collection during the service, but there will be a plate at the back of church for you to place your offering before or after the service. If you have been setting money aside for Gift Days or other purposes please put them in an envelope clearly marked. Cash and cheques will be accepted, but will not be handled for 72 hours.
- There will be no singing during the service, but hymns may be played for silent worship and reflection. During any responses please do not raise your voice.
- No hymn books or Bibles will be handed out, so if you would like a Bible please bring your own. In St Peter's and St Mark's all words will be shown on the screen. In All Souls' service sheets will be provided, but must be taken home.
- During communion we will be using individual communion wafers rather than bread; wine will not be offered. We will follow Church of England guidelines to keep it safe which will be explained during the service.
- After the service please wait to be told by the service leader and/or sidesperson when to leave and which exit to use. Please do not linger in the building. There will be no refreshments after the service, but you can talk outside church in groups of no more than six people if you keep two metres away from each other.

A video has been put together indicating what these procedures will look like which will be available on our website under 'Church Life/Latest Events' and shown in the online service this Sunday.

If you are unable to attend church in our buildings or, for any reason, would prefer not to please join in with online worship, phone in or request a DVD of the service from the parish office; we want everyone to be able to worship together in some way.

### **\* NO REVIVE SERVICE IN JULY \***

With services resuming in church on 19 July we have decided to cancel our online Revive service this month which would have been next week. We hope to resume it online or in person in September.