



Wareham's Church of England Family

Weekly Update

25th October 2020

Last Sunday after Trinity

Church is changing! But we continue to be the Church. We are now worshipping in Lady St Mary Church, at 10am but we also continue to meet online. Click here to join us **at our new time 10.30am** this Sunday: <https://tinyurl.com/warehamchurches> (if you are not able to access via the link, please go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for 'Wareham's Church of England Family'). Alternatively, you can listen to the service by dialling **01202 078008** (charged at a local rate). You will hear a brief automated greeting, then a pause, and then you will start to hear this Sunday's service. Wherever you are, we invite you to join us in worship this week.



KEEPING SAFE IN OUR BUILDINGS AND AT OUR SERVICES

We are following Government and Church of England guidance regarding coronavirus. Please observe social distancing and hygiene requirements at all times and follow the instructions of churchwardens and welcomers at services. Please wear a face covering (unless you have an exemption) inside our church buildings and in the Parish Hall. Thank you for helping to keep one another safe.

The Collect for the Last Sunday after Trinity:

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Bible Readings:

Acts 2:42-47 and Luke 22:7-20

Prayer Focus:

We give thanks to God for:

- The many blessings we are given and pray we will count them rather than the disappointments.
- The harvest; for those who grow, gather, process, transport and sell the produce of the land.
- Time to enjoy our surroundings in this beautiful area.
- Friends, family and community.

We pray to God for:

- All those who are grieving for the loss of a loved on; for loss of a job or a home; for the loss of self esteem.

- For all those in local lockdown situations because of Covid 19. For the isolation and the anxiety this causes. May they know your love and your presence alongside them giving them courage and hope.

Those asking for prayer: Geoff Foulds, Edna Farley, Libby & Matthew Richter, Beth Savage, Lily Brough, Jenny O'Brien, the Reverend Margaret Mulraine, Margaret Wason, Bill Beaumont, Lyn Dowdall, Dawn Cuthbertson (Garry Guinness' sister), Nikki Bashford, Anne King, Betty Fearn, Carolyn Jarman, Dawn Russell

Please note that Anne King's family's wish is not to be contacted at this time.

Those who have died recently and those who mourn:

Jean Schofield, Lucy Rudd, Ken Hayes

Our Mission Prayer: Our mission prayer this week is for the children of South Sudan especially in Terekeka. We pray that they will survive the pandemic and have sufficient resources of food and clothing at this difficult time.

Remembrance Day Services

There will be Remembrance services across the Parish of Wareham but due to the Covid-19 restrictions the numbers have been restricted and will need to be ticket only. There will be the customary Royal British Legion service in Lady St Mary Church at 10.55am with a maximum number in church of 100 people, this service will be mostly made up of civic leaders, veterans and uniformed organisations. In view of this there will be a Holy Communion Service, incorporating an act of remembrance, at 9am with the same restrictions as above. There will also be a Remembrance service at Sandford St Martin's Church for the Royal British Legion Ladies Section and a service at St John the Evangelist, East Holme with restricted numbers.

Services at Sandford St Martin's

Following the success of the recent Harvest Festival service at Sandford, we plan to hold some additional services at Sandford on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, alongside the weekly services at Lady St Mary. On Sunday 22nd November at 9.30am there will be a short informal service suitable for all ages. We hope to incorporate the Breakfast@9 Zoom into these services, so that those who are at home can join in via Zoom. On Sunday 8th November, there will be an act of remembrance at the Sandford War Memorial at 10.55am followed by a Remembrance Sunday service in the hall (attendance by ticket only due to social distancing measures). Please contact the Parish Office or Stuart for more details.

Virtual Coffee after the Service! – Change of time

Please join us online for a time of 'virtual' fellowship after our online service which has now changed to 10.30am this Sunday morning. Why not put the kettle on after the YouTube service and **join us online on Zoom at our new time of 11.15am on Sunday**. Details of the Zoom meeting will be in an email sent out by Debs (please contact Debs if you don't receive this, and if you need technical help with the use of Zoom, please contact Simon or Stuart). All are welcome!

Zoom Daily morning prayer

Helen is inviting you to join her on zoom at 8am on Wednesday mornings, AND 9am on Friday mornings to say morning prayer. This is a simple service consisting of Bible readings, canticles (verses based on Scripture that we say together) and prayers, including a short time of open prayer, but with no pressure to pray out loud unless you want to. The service will last about 30 minutes. Helen will put all the words up on the screen so you don't need to bring anything,

or use a smartphone. If you would like to join in, then please contact Helen (curate@warehamchurches.org.uk) or the office for the links to the zoom meetings.

Tuesday weekly prayer Zoom meeting

Our weekly Zoom prayer meeting, will start at 7.30pm. If you would like to receive the Zoom link, please contact Debs or Stuart. All are welcome to join us to pray online.

Thank you!

I would like to thank everyone for my gift of garden vouchers and for all the support and friendship given to me during my term of office as Churchwarden. I wish Hilary all the best in her new role. Pat Cherrett

Forthcoming Quiz Night

The Tear Fund Big Quiz Night is a nationwide, multi-venue quiz. On 14 November 2020 hundreds of churches and thousands of people will come together in communities across the country for a night of quizzing fun, raising money to help end extreme poverty. Our parish will be hosting a zoom quiz at 7pm. During the interval there we will show a short film about the work of Tear Fund and there will be an opportunity to make a donation to their work. More details about how to take part can be found in the November Newsletter, the zoom link, will be sent out nearer the time.

Environmental Matters

We will be running Green Christian's Radical Presence course on zoom on Friday afternoons at 2pm from 6th November. This is a seven week series of purposeful conversations drawing on the Bible, science and journalism to reflect theologically on the pandemic and our response to it. Each session will come with reading to do beforehand and will include some simple liturgy, as well as discussion. If you would like to join us, please contact Debs in the office, or Helen Williams (curate@warehamchurches.org.uk). If you would like to take part but can't manage Friday afternoons, there is a national course running on Sunday evenings which anyone can join. Further details can be found at: <https://greenchristian.org.uk/radical-presence/> . Alternatively let us know as we will run another course in the New Year at a different time if there is sufficient interest.

'Green Tip' - Laundry time

I had visitors for the weekend and have washed a lot of towels and sheets this week. Washing machines use far more energy heating the water than rotating the drum, so try out cooler temperatures, which often get your washing just as clean. Wait till you have a full load before running the machine. Look at the forecast and try to do your washing on days when it can dry outside: most of mine dried completely outside even this week, and the rest finished drying in my airing cupboard. Think about whether clothes actually need washing before you throw them in the wash: could you just clean spots with soap and water rather than washing the whole garment? Consider using an environmentally friendly washing power or liquid, and next time you need clothes pegs, choose wood over plastic.

Pastoral Visiting and maintaining contact with the Vulnerable

Although there have been significant changes to the number of people who can meet and how we do so, clergy are still able to visit those who are in any sort of need of pastoral help at this time. However, if you would prefer we can make contact and provide help by telephone, email or social media. If we can be of any help please do contact using the details towards the end of this news sheet.

Lending Library

In the Parish Hall foyer there is a table with books which can be borrowed but please return so that others can use as well. The Parish Hall foyer will be open 9am to 1pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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A new Autumn/Winter catalogue is available with a wide range of gifts, cards and food. If you would like to browse through a copy please see Judith after church on Sunday or contact her to have one put through your door. No obligation to buy anything!

PARISH GIFT DAY

At the Annual Parochial Meeting our then Treasurer Michael Wardle gave a clear picture of the parish finances past, present and looking forward. We can thank God that last year we just about broke even, but this year's finances have been badly affected by the lockdown imposed due to the Coronavirus. It is in light of this that the Finance Committee and Standing Committee have decided to hold a Gift Day on 1st November. We are well aware (and most grateful) that many have given generously to support our mission partners and our brothers and sisters in the North and South Sudan, and that is right and proper, but now we need to re-focus nearer to home. You have received a letter today outlining the challenge that we face and how you can give. I would be grateful if you could respond in whatever way you can. Remember, God loves a cheerful giver! (2 Cor 9:7)

Parish Office

The Parish Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9am – 1pm and will follow social distancing measures. At all other times enquiries and queries can be made by email and they will be dealt with as soon as possible.

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Readings for Daily Morning Prayer:

	Psalm (s)	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday 26 th October	123, 124, 125, 126	2 Kings 21:1-18	1 Timothy 1:1-17
Tuesday 27 th October	132, 133	2 Kings 22:1-23:3	1 Timothy 1:18-end of 2
Wednesday 28 th October*	116, 117	Wisdom 5:1-16	Luke 6:12-16
Thursday 29 th October	143, 146	2 Kings 23:36-24:17	1 Timothy 4
Friday 30 th October	142, 144	2 Kings 24:18-25:12	1 Timothy 5:1-16
Saturday 31 st October	147	2 Kings 25:22-end	1 Timothy 5:17-end

***Simon and Jude Apostles (Festival)** - If you do not have time just read the Psalm in **bold**.