Weekly Reminder 25 July 2021





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For Links to all services, please see the June News Sheet (available on the website)

All information is emailed to those on the Church Distribution list.

If you would like to be included on this list, please contact Denise in the Church Office (see above)

How can we communicate better with you?

We have put together a short survey so that you can let us know about your access to the internet and social media preferences. The survey should only take a few minutes to complete, your input is much appreciated, we would like to have input from as many St John's people as possible: Take the Survey here There is also a paper version of the survey available for those who are not able to access, please let us know if you would like one. There are some copies on the magazine rack in Church.

Video Consent

Please fill in a video consent form if you are OK with being filmed when we live stream services (see previous week's updates for details)

Resourcing Bible Studies

Live streamed 9-9.45am on Thursdays. Available on out youtube channel and website to watch again after that. We will be studying the Book of Hebrews.

We will be taking a break for the month of August, so the last Bible Study this term will be on Thursday 29th July. We will start again on Thursday 2nd September.

Eco Church

There will be an Eco Church Newsletter sent out with this week's update. Amongst other things, there is information about a 'Climate focused' 6pm Service on Sunday 22nd August



Started again on Thursday 22nd July

Food from 6.15pm. Please come along and share a free meal with us - and a chance to meet some new people.

Drop In

St John's Church
Here to bring real change

St John's Church, Kenilworth Friday Mornings 10am-12 noon

- Free Biscuits and Coffee/Tea
- Everyone Welcome
- Stay for a chat
- Details from 01926 853203 <u>admin@stjohn316.co.uk</u>



Started again on Friday 23rd July

Tea, coffee, biscuits and chat
Due to COVID, there will be a limit on numbers
and people will be asked to sign in.

Keswick Convention

The Keswick convention started Saturday 17th July and continues for 3 weeks. You can access the whole programme online via vkc.keswickministries.org This years theme is "Faithful".

Prayer Topics

Those who are Unwell

Terry Heath. Pray that an ITU bed will be available for Terry so that his surgery can go ahead on Monday and for a good recovery.

Eloise Lawson (The Lawsons now have approval for maintenance chemo at the Royal Marsden in the UK. For details, see <u>eloisezoe.com</u>)

Hannah Montagu, Levann and Rav.

Mavis Tingay (Still awaiting rheumatology and ENT appointments

Ron Newbold, Ann Reeder,

Jeremy (stem cell transplant and recovery)

Michael

Rachel Easters dad Ray Hepburn who has terminal cancer

The Bereaved

The family and friends of Chris Thomas and Barrie Evans Lindsey Attwood and family

You are cordially invited to a

Death Cafe

For a surprisingly good conversation about death

31 July 10.30-12.30 Senior Citizens Club Abbey End Car Park







At a Death Cafe, people drink tea, eat cake and talk about death and dying.

No agenda, no set topics. Simply, conversation.

Let us be clear - this isn't a bereavement or counselling support group. It's a discussion group.

Your hosts are Compassionate Communites, and Omega, two local organisations in the field of death, dying and bereavement.

To book, use the QR code or call 07385427042

Michelle Harris, our youth leader

Our young people

The people affected the brutality of others and by natural disasters, especially Durban (KZN) and Johannesburg

The effects of Covid

Tastelife, Spring Playgroup, Flourish, Restored Lives, CHIT.

The Royal Family

Broken Families

Chris Waters

The Stoker Family

Unity in the Church.

Thanks that lockdown will soon be over

Those new to the Faith

Those moving house

The Lonely and Depressed

Churches ostracised for standing up for Biblical Principles

Peace in Jerusalem and the rest of Israel and surrounding countries

The Democratic Republic of Congo is facing famine. If you would like to donate tot he Tearfund DRC appeal, please visit: https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/drc-emergency-appeal?

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The Persecuted Church

This week we are praying for Christians in Morocco

PLEASE PRAY

O Lord, we pray for the Christians of Morocco. We ask that You would sustain them, especially those who risk so much to follow You. We pray especially for people who have left Islam to proclaim Jesus as Lord. Protect and preserve them, and give them strength to walk with You. Amen.

If you would like anything included in the Prayer Topics, please contact the Church Office.

We cannot add people top the list unless we have their permission

The Lathams' Prayer in Abbey Fields

Rob and Emma Latham have been 'hosting a time of prayer from 2.30pm in Abbey Fields each week. They pray for Covid related issues. If you would like to join them - just turn up at the war memorial.



Moving towards a new normal in our services

As you will all be aware, the government has announced a considerable relaxation of restrictions related to the Coronavirus pandemic from 19th July. This means that our worship services will start to look a little different again from Sunday 25th July. Nevertheless, we want to maintain a respectful attitude towards all – those who will rejoice at greater freedom as well as those who, for a variety of reasons, remain cautious. We are expecting more specific Government guidance for church services to be made available later, but experience suggests this will be very much at the last minute! In the meantime the Church of England has issued provisional guidance which we are using to inform our decisions, and we will keep all this under review as we proceed.

Initially, we will remove the need to book to attend the 10am Sunday service - over the summer attendance tends to be lower anyway. We will review this position over the summer, as new guidance emerges, and we get a sense of how numbers attending will develop as we go into September.

Masks and 2-metre spacing will not be required, but we would encourage you at all our services to be respectful of those who would like to maintain spacing and are cautious of being in the same space as those not wearing masks. As we move from rule-based behaviour into "taking personal responsibility" we would urge you, as family in Christ's Kingdom, to continue to treat one another with care and consideration. We will continue to space chairs out, and ask you to wear masks, at least while arriving and leaving the building. You may remove them, if you choose, while at your seat. Singing and the serving of refreshments will be permitted, at the discretion of the leadership of each congregation.

You will no longer be required to sign in to services, but the NHS QR code will remain available if you wish to scan in. If we are made aware of any cases (symptoms or positive tests) of congregation members, we will alert you by email/news sheet.

We will continue to provide hand sanitiser, and materials to clean in the toilets after use – please continue to do your bit to avoid spreading the virus. Do please let any of the Wardens team know (Kim, Karen, or Roger) of any concerns, or suggestions, as we try to balance the needs of all.