



St Augustine's Church

Scaynes Hill

Sunday 10th January 2020

Welcome

We hope that this newsletter helps you feel encouraged and supported by our Church whilst we are in this time of pandemic.

Forthcoming Services & Events

Sunday 10th January

10.00 am **Online Pre-recorded Communion**
Leader: Reverend Jean Sedgley

Tuesday 12th January

Anchor Coffee Shop Closed

Sunday 17th January 2020

UNDER REVIEW

9.00 am **Said Communion in Church**
Leader: Reverend Peter Irwin Clark

A reminder that face coverings are mandatory

10.00 am **Online Common Worship**
Leader: Steve Argent

Information Update

Well we weren't going to do a newsletter this week but given the changing Government guidance we thought you might find it helpful to receive an update! You will also find inside lots of information from the Church of England to help us all through this difficult time. Below is a statement from the Bishop of London, who chairs the Church of England's Covid Recovery group

"The Prime Minister's words tonight underline the severity of the situation for the country, as the virus continues to spread rapidly. At a time like this, the Church is here to offer comfort and spiritual support to everyone. We have a duty to care for each other, but particularly those who are vulnerable or who may be most at risk. The Government has chosen not to suspend public worship in England at this time and we will continue to follow the guidance and ensure that churches remain as safe as possible. The Government guidance on the safe use of places of worship makes clear that those attending a place of worship must not mingle with anyone outside their household or support bubble. However, some may feel that it is currently better not to attend in person, and there will be parishes which decide to offer only digital services for the time-being. Clergy who have concerns, and others who are shielding, should take particular care and stay at home. I would urge everyone in our churches to pray for those on the front line in our public services - the NHS and those working in social care, for schools and many others on whom we depend; and for parents and carers of children at this anxious and stressful time.

There is hope. The vaccination programme is underway and, as Christians, we have a deeper hope in God that comforts us beyond fear itself. As we have been remembering this Christmas Season, even in the midst of our darkest fears, that hope brings light."

We would like to reassure you, therefore, that our church building will continue to open for private prayer on Sundays and Tuesdays from 9.00 am to dusk on both days. Please do follow all the relevant social distancing and hygiene regulations which are displayed on the church welcome board which, because of the current porch renovations, is outside the front door.

Due to the current worsening Covid situation in the South East and the fact that Sussex NHS has declared a major incident, we are unsure at the present time whether to hold the Said communion service in church on Sunday 17th January. Updated information will be in next week's newsletter. In addition, the PCC will be considering a resolution on the suspension of public worship in church at its meeting on 18th January.

Many thanks to Jean who will be leading and presiding over our online communion service this Sunday and to both David and Maggie Sawney for their prayers and readings: This service can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYBluyAat15kfw5dcthxF-w>

Finally, this is a very difficult time for everyone but we are here to help. Please remember contact anyone of us (details on the back page) if there is anything at all you need or if you would like our help in anyway.

With love and blessings

Message from the Church of England

Whatever situation you are in, we are here for you through our local presence and national resources.

We know this is a difficult time for everyone. We hope that some of our resources can help bring you God's comfort and peace.

Coffee Shop

Due to the current situation, we obviously cannot reopen the Anchor Coffee Shop but will keep you updated as soon as we have news.

Time to Pray

The Church of England has a new app that can be downloaded to smartphones that helps us make time to pray each day. The link to download the app can be found here:

<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>

Diocese of Chichester Sunday Service

If you would like to access the Diocese of Chichester Sunday service, please click on the link below:

<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/liveservices/>



After Service Coffee

Just a reminder that some of the congregation are meeting online via the BlueJeans app for a chat over coffee after the 10.00 am online Sunday morning service. We would love it if you felt able to join us. If you are interested and would like the code please contact Gaynor or Debbie - all details are on the back page.

Supporting Mental Health

The effects of mental health problems are huge, and given the challenging times we are living in with coronavirus, it's more important than ever that we take steps to support good mental health. To that end, the Church of England has updated their mental health reflections booklet with new material to provide hope, reassurance and comfort. The 13 daily reflections are also available as a podcast series. Listen using the player below, or subscribe wherever you get your podcasts.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/mental-health-resources/supporting-good-mental-health>

If you don't have access to the internet, these can be printed off as a booklet. Do let me know if you would like a copy and I will print off a copy and deliver it to you.

*Many thanks
Debbie*

Today's Prayer

Listen or read to the Prayer for the Day and join in with thousands of others saying these words each day. The link for this prayer can be found at:

https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/todays-prayer?j=43690&sfmc_sub=24925557&l=444_HTML&u=708399&mid=510001965&jb=85

Make Space to Pray

By lighting a virtual candle, you're making space to pray. You can light a candle online to pray for yourself, for a loved one or for a situation. Whatever I going on, make space to pray in your life. You can find the link to do this here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/light-candle>



Free Online Show

The Shows Must Go On! series has revealed plans for this coming weekend. From Friday night, 8th January at 7pm, the YouTube channel will show:



**Michael Ball's
Heroes concert**

where the iconic stage star will perform numbers from a plethora of his idols including Johnny Mathis, Frank Sinatra and Neil Diamond. Heroes was first released as a recording in 2011, one of Ball's many sell-out concert recordings that have been unveiled over the last couple of decades. The performance will be available for free for 48 hours. You'll be able to watch the show right here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wpjmj6CH8g&feature=emb_tit



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Daily Hope

Introduced by Archbishop Justin Welby - the line is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 - it has been set up for those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions. Options available include Prayer During the Day and Night Prayer updated daily, from Common Worship. A section called Hymn Line offers callers a small selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love', provides a hymn and reflection and is based on an initiative by the Connections group.



**OFF THE
FENCE**

Our Mission for this Month is Off the Fence



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Off the Fence is a local charity that seeks to help the homeless on the streets of Brighton and Hove as well as supporting women in crisis or experiencing emotional difficulties. Because of the pandemic restrictions, they have had to prioritise their front-line services to be nearer the point of need, working one-to-one rather than group-to group. Their work with the homeless, appropriately named *Antifreeze*, provides sleeping bags and other basic needs as well as offering short and long-term holistic support to body, mind and soul. Off the Fence considers it is highly likely that homelessness in Brighton will

rise dramatically once the furlough scheme ends and redundancies follow. Another fall-out of Covid-19 has been the increased demand for their services to vulnerable women via their *Gateway Centre*. Despite having to furlough many of their staff, Off the Fence has managed, one way or other, to keep in contact with every one of the 120 or so women they currently support. Another good item of news is that Off the Fence has been chosen as one of the Mayor of Brighton's charities and the response to appeals from the public and corporate sector has been very encouraging. For more information go to:

<https://www.offthefence.org.uk/>

FOR PRAYERFUL CONCERN

For Lis and the Gibson family - as they mourn the loss of Lis's Mum, Beryl.

For Jackie and the Kennet Family - as they mourn the loss of Martin.

For Gwyneth - who is very unwell.

For Maurice - in his care home in Arundel.

For Rowan - Kerry and Mark's young grandson - as he spends the next 8 weeks recovering from an operation on his jaw.

For Beverley and Michael - as they prepare to leave All Saints and start their move.

For the Parish of All Saints - as they prepare to go into interregnum.

For Brian and the Sitford family - in Brian's ill health.

Mabel (Pam's Main's mum), her husband, Pam and the whole family - as they support Mabel in her ill health.

For Doris - in her ill-health.

For Peter McIntosh - for comfort and peace as his health deteriorates and for Kay, his wife, for strength to cope with all that lies ahead.

For all those who are caring for others in the current pandemic

For all children unable to attend school - and for all parents who are struggling with work and home schooling.

If you would like to be included in this list, or you know of anyone who would like us to pray for them, please contact Debbie at sash.parihoffice@gmail.com.

Prayer for the Week

*Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love.
In Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.*

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Parish Help

If you, or someone else you know, needs some assistance with shopping or anything else please feel free to call anyone of the following:

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If you have an urgent request please call Jenny Walker. We are all here to help so please don't hesitate to ring anytime.

He will cover you with his
feathers and under his wings
you will take refuge.

His faithfulness is your
shield and rampart.

You shall not be afraid of the
terror by night, nor of the arrow
that flies by day, nor of the
pestilence that walks in darkness,
nor of the destruction that wastes
at noonday.

A thousand may fall at your side,
and ten thousand at your right
hand; but it will not come near you.

Psalm 91:4-7

Church Giving

If you normally donate to the Church on a weekly basis during the service and would like to continue whilst we are unable to meet together, please contact Jamie Bewick on:

sash.treasurer@outlook.com

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Genesis 1:1-5

Acts 19: 1-7

Mark 1: 4-11

(all readings taken from the NIV)

Morning has Broken - 393

All People that on Earth do Dwell - 13

Praise to the Lord - 470

Lord for the Years - 892

Service Notes