

WELCOME



St Swithun's
Headbourne Worthy



St Mary's
Kings Worthy

Generously sharing God's compassionate love with everyone

23 & 30 August 2020

The Eleventh & Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Dear Friends,

None of us could have anticipated the nature, scale and range of the impact that Covid-19 has had across the globe and throughout all aspects of life as we know it. The Christian church has been impacted and we, like many other churches have swiftly moved to design, create and offer a credible 'online' service that has been released weekly on YouTube – thank you for your comments and appreciation of it.



Both our churches have reopened for private prayer and with great joy we have started Sunday public services albeit with a reduced capacity so as to comply with social distancing instructions and guidelines. Of course, government and national church/diocesan guidelines pertaining to persons over 70 means that our existing ministry team is currently depleted by at least 3 resources (2 clergy and 1 LLM) and during lockdown, Tim Selwood retired from public ministry.

Over the summer months I have been discussing our needs and resources with the churchwardens and ministry team, and with their support have obtained the approval of both PCCs to a revised service pattern that will take effect from September onwards. This pattern which will apply until such time as a vaccine is widely available – something I have termed, Phase 1. A separate sheet has been sent out with this news sheet.

All three worshipping centres are impacted, but throughout I have sought to craft a new service pattern which will allow most of the congregations at each centre to attend once a month if they choose (and book) to do so. In addition, we will continue to create and release a weekly YouTube service for as long as the weekly viewing figures suggest that this is being well received.



Pop-Up Church groups of approximately 6-8 people are already starting. These are groups who can meet in 6s for a wide variety of activities that will support our shared journey of faith. These will start in St Mary's first, but overtime could be extended to St Swithun's based on what we have learnt and found works well.

The major change is that of service times – **9.30am at St Mary's and 10.30am at St Swithun's**, and then moving the service at the **Chapel to 3.00pm in the afternoon**. This means that I can be at both parish churches on the same morning, something which I believe is important at this time. Of course, there will be occasions when this can't happen, but for now it is an important change that the churchwardens and PCCs believe is necessary.

The service pattern will be reviewed in January 2021 to see here it is working and if any refinements are required. A further review will happen once a vaccine is successfully developed and released for widespread use by the public. These are challenging times, so ask for your gracious acceptance of these changes as we seek to fashion a service model that sees us operate socially distanced worship because of the pandemic. **Revd Paul**

OUR READING FOR TRINITY 11: Matthew 16 v 13-20

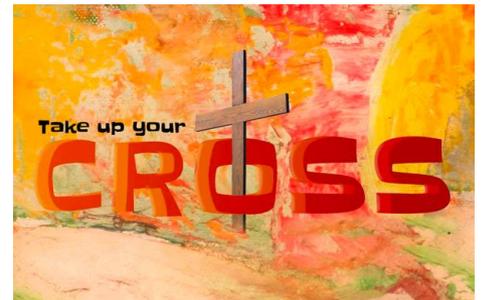


¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you

are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

OUR READING FOR TRINITY 12: Matthew 16 v 21-end

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AND BEYOND?

Sun 23 Aug	10.00am YOUTUBE 10.30am	ST MARY'S & ST SWITHUN'S ONLINE HOLY COMMUNION – St Swithun's
Wed 26 Aug	9.00am - 5.00pm	ST MARY'S & ST SWITHUN'S open for private prayer
Sun 30 Aug	10.00am YOUTUBE 10.30am	ST MARY'S & ST SWITHUN'S ONLINE CHURCHYARD HOLY COMMUNION – St Swithun's
Wed 2 Sep	9.00am - 5.00pm	ST MARY'S & ST SWITHUN'S open for private prayer
Wed 2 Sep	8.00pm ZOOM	Monthly Prayer Meeting
<i>Zoom link will be emailed on Tuesday, 1 Sep but if you would like to join by phone, the details are -</i>		
+44 203 901 7895 United Kingdom		Meeting ID: 856 9197 1651
+44 203 051 2874 United Kingdom		Passcode: 169119
+44 203 481 5237 United Kingdom		
Sun 6 Sep	9.30am 10.00am YOUTUBE	HOLY COMMUNION – St Mary's ST MARY'S & ST SWITHUN'S ONLINE

If you would like to attend any of our physical Sunday church services, **you MUST book in** administrator@worthyparishes.org.uk or leave a message on 01962 881879

You will receive a confirmation email/letter.

30 August	10.30am Socially distanced Churchyard communion service at St Swithun's
6 September	9.30am Holy Communion service at St Mary's
13 September	11.00am Combined 'Drive-In' Communion service - West Stoke Farm, Stoke Charity Road
20 September	9.30am Holy Communion service at St Mary's
27 September	9.30am Holy Communion service at St Mary's
27 September	10.30am Holy Communion service at St Swithun's
27 September	3.00pm Afternoon Communion service at the St Mary's Chapel

LEBANON CRISIS

We have all been shocked by the massive explosion in Beirut port in Lebanon on 4 August. At least 157 people were killed and 5,000 injured with around 300,000 now homeless. Hospitals, medical supplies and grain silos containing around 85% of the country's supply have been destroyed. The country was already suffering from an economic crisis, with access to basic goods severely restricted, and the Covid 19 pandemic compounded issues. The explosion has made a very dire situation worse. Christian Aid has been working in Lebanon for over 30 years, and its partners are already involved in relief efforts, supporting affected households to access medicine and health services, and in mobilising volunteer groups in rubble removal, and much more. If you are able, please give generously www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/lebanon-crisis-appeal or contact the support team on 020 7620 5544. THANK YOU.



A man carries an injured woman to safety following the blast that ripped through Beirut

CAP (Christians Against Poverty)

One of the major challenges communities will face as a result of Covid-19 will be unemployment and financial hardship. I have arranged for 3 spaces on an **online training course on Saturday 24th October (9.30 – 12.30)** so we can be trained by CAP so that we can offer initial help and advice to anyone struggling with debt and financial pressures. If you would like to join me in getting ready to help support our community in this way, please get in contact and we can take this course together and then work out how best to offer what we learn to those whom it would help. Please contact Karen and let her have your name. Paul.

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Pop Up church groups are starting – your Pop-Up host will be contacting you to explain more and invite you to join with others for fun, friendship and fellowship.



ST MARY'S CHURCH'S MISSION PARTNER FOR THE MONTH FOR AUGUST



JASON AND TRACY DAY are members of the Church Mission Society (CMS). Since 2012, Jason and Tracy have been based in Chiang Mai in Thailand, where Jason works as an area personnel manager seconded to the Overseas Mission Fellowship (OMF) and Tracy works as a part-time child safety officer, looks after the family, including their daughters, Ruby and Libby, and leads a weekly school prayer meeting and a Sunday school team.

As an area personnel manager, Jason provides administrative and logical support to OMF mission partners across East Asia, helping them as they adjust to working in different cross-cultural contexts and move forward in their lives and ministry. There is a huge need for mission in East Asia. Statistics show that only one in ten non-Christians in Asia actually know a Christian. In East Asia, there are 667 million people without the gospel. Jason and Tracy are passionate in their desire to see lives changed and renewed by the power of Christ as they play their part in God's mission.

We have received a short video message from Jason and Tracy sharing news with all their support churches, but they have asked that it is not posted online but viewed securely. If you wish to see that message we are happy to arrange access to it via a Zoom call so that you can listen to their latest news.

CHURCH
MISSION
SOCIETY

The call
in action

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- The **Prime Minister, Cabinet, health/medical advisors** and government for wisdom in their decision-making. Those who have lost loved ones to the Coronavirus, those recovering from the virus and people who have lost jobs or who are anxious about their livelihoods. Those working towards a vaccine. For those who despite the lifting of lockdown measure, feel vulnerable and are taking precautionary measures to be safe.
- For individuals and families who suffer **unemployment and financial hardship** because of Covid-19 – pray that we will do what we can to reach out and offer support.
- For our **Pop-Up church** groups as they get established and we learn creative ways of being church for and with each other during the limits that we have to live with at the present time.
- For people of **Beirut** in the aftermath of the vast explosion – for those grieving, injured and those made homeless. For international relief and action; for truth and justice to be restored within that society.
- For **GCSE students** who received results on Thursday.
- For those taking a period of rest and refreshments at home or away from home that they would be safe and be able to be restored from the normal routine of life and work.
- Those who are unwell - **David & Jill Dromard, Mary Bulbeck, Michael & Sylvie Derrick**. We also pray for **Hilary Neilson who is now home**. Pray for Hilary and her husband, Brian, for peace and rest. For **Jill South**, currently in a nursing home and for **Ronald**, her husband who is missing her very much.



We still need more of your lovely photos to accompany our online services. In landscape please and send to administrator@worthyparishes.org.uk. Thank you!

During the summer school holidays, from now until early September, Karen will be taking some time off and working less. Please be patient if she takes a little longer to respond.



GIVING is WORSHIP:

You can now give to St Mary's and St Swithun's by text!

To give to St Swithun's, text **HWC 20 to 70085** (where the 20 is the amount you want to give - you can give any amount up to £20). To give to St Mary's, text **KWC 20 to 70085**

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