

Team News - September 2020

Dear all - quite a bit of news this week and there will be more to come...

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP - Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) will resume at 10am on Wednesday September 9th at St. Thomas and St. John. We will follow our old pattern of 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at St. Mary and 2nd, 4th and 5th at St. Thomas and St. John so September 16th will be at St. Mary's. As we are not using service books during Covid-19 you might like to bring a Book of Common Prayer if you have one.

ST. PHILIP'S - Sunday services at the Centre will resume at 8.15am on Sunday September 6th. We will be using the Lounge Bar area for the service (no one else will use this area) and there will be a 'dedicated' loo for our sole use. If you are not a normal worshipper at this service, you will be welcome but as space is limited you might like to contact Stuart Wood on 07811 163281 before setting off.

APCMs - our annual meetings, which normally take place in April will be happening in September this year.

ST. MARY'S Sunday September 20th after the 9.30am service (10am)

ST. THOMAS & ST. JOHN WITH ST. PHILIPS Sunday September 27th after the 11am service (11.30am). We also hope to have this meeting available online.

Annual reports for each parish will be available soon in both electronic and print versions. To save costs please only request a print copy if absolutely necessary. More information about the APCMs will be sent out soon but things for you to consider include: warden/s in both parishes (Debs is retiring and Margaret would appreciate help); a treasurer for St. Mary's (Jean retiring); sidespeople and PCC vacancies. In addition, we will take the opportunity to nominate and confirm lay assistants for the coming year. If you feel called to serve in any of these positions, please contact the wardens or Elizabeth. We know that however we do these meetings some people may be excluded; it is hoped that the diocese will provide further guidance/practical support to minimise this soon.

SHOULD I BE COMING TO CHURCH? The numbers attending Sunday services is creeping up slowly and no one has reported feeling unsafe. Thankfully, most of us are now able to get about far more so perhaps, if you are now getting out to the shops, café, hairdressers etc you might consider coming back to church. We are hoping that, thanks to Darren McGuff, we may soon be able to film and put online the Sunday services from STSJ but there is nothing quite like "being there".

JEFFREY The latest information we have about our new Interim Minister is that Jeffrey's visa application has been approved and that he will be trying to get a flight mid-September. He will have to quarantine for 2 weeks on his arrival from the USA and will then have to undergo training e.g. safeguarding and an induction into the ways and wonders of the Church of England! He will hopefully be licensed mid-to late October. Jeffrey will live initially at Stand Rectory and then move to St. Peter's vicarage on Manchester Road, Bury.

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