

This Week's Notices

Upcoming services:

Sunday 12th July	10:00am	Communion by extension at St John the Baptist
	10:00am	Holy Communion at St David's
	10:00am	Service of the Word at St Mark's
Tuesday 14th July	9:00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
Wednesday 15th July	9:00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	11:30am	Holy Communion at St David's
Thursday 16th July	9:30am	Holy Communion at St John the Baptist
Sunday 19th July	10:00am	Eucharist at St John the Baptist
	10:00am	Service of the word at St David's
	10:00am	Holy Communion at St Mark's
	1:45pm	Woodland Church starting at St David's

Parish Prayer Focus

From 6-12th July the National Church is celebrating the work of all those involved in Children, Young People and Families Ministry, the week is called *Recognise*. Please pray for all those in our Parish who volunteer and help with this ministry; Woodland Church, Brick Church, Little Stars, School visits, the MU baptism cards and bears, all contributing to sharing the love of Jesus with our young people. We give thanks for them and know that their love and service is *Recognised* and appreciated by you Lord.

Good News.

Throughout the vacancy we will be sharing one piece of Good News from across our parish in church on Sundays

The Good News shared on Sunday 5th July was:

We are thanking God for his work among us at Brick Church. On 2nd Sunday of each month from 2-4pm a gathering of around 40 people, half of them children and half of them adults meet to explore faith through creatively engaging with a Bible Story, prayer, and fellowship. This fresh expression begun (6 years ago... I might be wrong about that!) by our curates is now entirely lay led with a team drawn from all three churches - meeting at St John the Baptist.

Rev. Ali, spoke with one family this week who said they really value this intergenerational worship and the conversations they share with their children about who God is and how he works in their lives.

Give thanks for Brick Church, pray for the team as they take a rest over the summer, for inspiration and enthusiasm for the season ahead.

Notices:

Our Finance Team needs your help - Members of the PCC's finance committee recently attended a webinar about Cornerstone, a new tool being rolled out by the Diocese to help parishes reflect on opportunities for growth in its giving practices and generosity culture. By way of follow up, we will soon be attending an 'in-person' workshop with a small number of other churches where we will learn and plan how we can improve our giving and generosity.

Your help is requested to help us prepare for the workshop. By completing the 'Generosity Review Questionnaire' you can help us understand each church's generosity culture and ensure any future actions are best suited for where each church is now.

So far, we've received only 5 responses across the Parish, it would be incredibly helpful if as many of us as possible could spare 10 minutes to help us understand our giving culture.

Here is the [link to the questionnaire](#)

You will be asked for a specific questionnaire code for each church. The codes for our churches are:

St. John the Baptist Kingsthorpe - 628108

St Mark's Kingsthorpe - 628109

St David's Kingsthorpe - 628117

You will be asked to answer questions based on your personal experience as a church member, covering 8 key categories. Please respond quickly and honestly—don't overthink your answers, just go with your initial thoughts. Thank you!

If you wish to know more about Cornerstone or would like to get involved, please contact our treasurer Sue Evans (treasurer@kingsthorpechurches.co.uk).

Afternoon Tea – 11th July at St David's Church Hall 2pm – 4pm. The cost will be £5 per person. Join us for Tea, Treats and Togetherness. Please let your Church wardens, or Jane Serbyn know of any special dietary requirements.

Kingsthorpe Churches Together Ecumenical Prayer Lunch. Our next prayer lunch is taking place at the Kingsthorpe Community Church Hall on Tuesday 14th July from 12pm until 1pm. Please bring a packed lunch (hot drinks will be provided) and join us in prayer and fellowship.

The Cantare Singers. Mother's Union are celebrating 150 years anniversary and tickets are now on sale for the Cantare Singers Concert at St Mark's Church on Saturday the 18th July 7pm in the Church. Tickets are £10 and are available from Pauline Stone at St John the Baptist, June Ward at St David's and Ruth Gould at St Mark's. There will also be the option to buy tickets on the door; cash only please.

Pastoral Care Team

We have been looking at pastoral care over the last few months, in particular in this period of vacancy.

Each church has been assigned a Pastoral Care Link, these are;

St Mark's- Jo Carrick

St John the Baptist - Mandy Bentley

St David's- Jane Serbyn.

The Pastoral Care Team also consists of Revds Angie, Ali and our Reader, Sarah- Jane Major.

Please speak to any member of the pastoral care team if you have a pastoral need.

Revd Angie's work mobile is advertised in the newsletter and any pastoral concerns can also be shared on that. In the event that she is away, e-mail Revd. Ali on revalisonwagner@gmail.com.

The team has a What's App group to help co-ordinate visits, it is factual and for prayer, too. It has been working well during the last 8 weeks as we trialled this team.

The pastoral care team do not need to do all the visiting or phone calls. As a church community we care for each other on a daily basis, however we know there are times when more specific care is required. Home communions, hospital visits, prayer and anointing with oil and last rites for example. The Pastoral Team met in person at St Mark's in June and intend to meet quarterly to pray and check in with each other.

Readings

Date	Sunday	First Reading	New Testament	Gospel
12 th July	Trinity 6	Genesis 25: 19-34	Romans 8: 1-11	Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23
19 th July	Trinity 7	Genesis 28: 10-19a	Romans 8: 12-25	Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Kingsthorpe Team Ministry Contact Details

Pastoral

Pastoral Contact Number – Revd. Angie Kennedy: 07926 904085

The next Baptism & Wedding Surgery is Tuesday 4th August 6:30pm – 7:45pm at St David’s Church Hall

Zoom Prayer Login details

Meeting ID 89092051426

Pass code 487864

Office

Email: office@kingsthorpechurches.co.uk

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The Deadline for Items for the Newsletter is Thursdays 9pm

The office is open for drop-ins Wednesdays 10am – 12pm and Fridays by prior appointment.

<u>Our Churches</u>			
	St David’s	St John the Baptist	St Mark’s
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Church Wardens	Jane Serbyn Philip Nash	Mark Brame	Samantha Hunt Kathy Wilcox
Pastoral Link	Jane Serbyn	Mandy Bentley	Jo Carrick
Safeguarding Point of contact	Jane Serbyn	Mandy Bentley	Karen Tomlin