ALL SAINTS'



This week's Newsbulletin

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone

Services for this week

6th Sunday of Easter 9th April 10.00 Family Eucharist on Zoom

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87271593002?pwd =Um5QT3Z2ZEZXS0VLa3pTaG13cUxTZz09

Meeting ID: 872 7159 3002

Passcode: 967985

11.30 Said Eucharist in All Saints

We will follow the government guidelines of distancing, sanitising, facemasks and no conversation.

Tuesday 11th 11.00 Morning Prayer on Zoom

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88015708219 Meeting ID: 880 1570 8219

19.00 MU Quiz Night

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84082083105?pwd =dHZnNUtJMkNJSmNjZEQ1eC9DRnRqZz09

Meeting ID: 840 8208 3105

Passcode: 705994

Ascension Day Thursday 13th 11.00 Holy Communion followed by Picnic

20.00 TKC Prayers (daily to 23rd May)

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89791534428 Meeting ID: 897 9153 4428

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Spending time together

Dear Friends,

Gradually, cautiously, in line with government guidance, we are looking forward to being able to see more of each other, and to spend more time together. Information on three special events follows, as well as ways we can all get involved.

1. On Ascension Day, Thursday May 13th, if the weather permits, Holy Communion will be held outside followed by a bring your own picnic. Chairs will be arranged café style, so that the necessary social distancing will be adhered to. If it is too cold, the service will be in Church with no picnic! Depending on how this goes we may be able to reintroduce the 11.00 service on Thursdays regularly.



2. Between Ascension Day and Pentecost we will be joining the global prayer movement of **Thy Kingdom Come**. Many resources, including a prayer journal, Novena prayers, a Cheeky Panda video series for children and daily reflections and an Escape Room for youth, have been provided on their web site at https://www.thykingdomcome.global/praye r-resources

All Saints church will be open for prayer and contemplation, or just to be still, from 11:00 until 1:00 every day from 14th to 23rd May. The churchyard and porch will portray the messages of Ascension and Pentecost - the constant presence of the Holy Spirit, and Jesus's words, "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:20. There will also be daily prayers on Zoom at 8 o'clock each evening from 13th to 23rd.

3. On Saturday May 22nd from 10:00 to 12:00, Dorothy and Fiona are arranging the annual **Plant Sale.** There will be eight well-spaced tables holding different categories of plants so that distance between people can be maintained. The categories are summer bedding and annuals; herbaceous; shrubs and trees; herbs; houseplants; wild flowers; vegetables; and bulbs and corms.

In addition, there will be a produce stall, similar to Fiona's weekly stall in church, stalls for cakes, gardening books and magazines, garden tools and sundries as well as a table with good quality sports equipment and picnic or camping gear. Refreshments will be available outside. At all times, we will be mindful of social distancing so in welcoming people back, the emphasis will always be on staying safe.

These events offer the first opportunity since the start of the pandemic for us to work together, and it would be wonderful to have as many people as possible involved. There are different ways of getting involved. Firstly, by attending the events, spreading the word and bringing friends, secondly by offering to help.

If you would like to offer to be in the church for one of the 2-hour slots during "Thy Kingdom Come" please contact Nerine 07535803529.

Many of us can get involved with the Plant Sale. Volunteers are needed to man the tables, to bake cakes and to sort through items that could be donated to one of the tables listed above.

Please contact Fiona 01992462467 or Dorothy 01992589781 to let them know what you can do. Donations can be left in the church between 11:00 and 1:00 on any day between 13th and 21st May.

Love, Nerine

Post Covid Vaccination Etiquette



More than half the population in the UK have now received a first coronavirus vaccine dose, while a quarter

have had both doses, which raises questions about whether they can ignore some of the rules on social interactions, and how they should behave around unvaccinated friends and family.

Here are some brief pointers:

- Don't assume you're protected until you've received both doses
- Even once you've had two doses, you're not invincible (the vaccines are only 95% effective!)
- Hugging another vaccinated person is unlikely to kill you – but it may lengthen the pandemic



- If you do hug, be mindful of local infection rates
- Don't assume your peers have been vaccinated just because you have
- Indoor family reunions should be treated with caution
- It's OK to insist everyone does a rapid Covid test as a precaution.
- For indoor public gatherings, physical distancing and masks are still essential



Not everyone at All Saints is yet vaccinated and some may still be very vulnerable

- Outdoors is still safest, but wear a mask if it's busy
- International travel is still risky for everyone
- Just because your older relatives have been jabbed, doesn't mean you don't need to be vaccinated yourself

Dorothy Toyn taken from 'Guardian' article 1st May 2021. Cartoons by Mark Long

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/may/0 1/so-youve-had-your-covid-jab-what-can-yousafely-do-now

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