

'Not the Parish Magazine' but something a little different! Issue 34



Previous Newsletters seem to have been saying what is not possible. Now we face new opportunities and many decisions need to be taken about the future.

**Across Holy Trinity, South Chatham
we want everyone to be safe**

**St. Alban's
Church,
Bluebell Hill.**

**St. David's
Church,
Lordswood.**

**St. William's
Church,
Walderslade.**



Sunday worship for the coming weeks

Sunday, 18th July (Trinity 7)

10.00am Morning Worship at St. David's, Lordswood

Sunday, 25th July (James, Apostle)

10.00am Morning Worship at St. William's, Walderslade

Sunday, 1st August (Trinity 9)

10.00am Morning Worship at St. Alban's, Bluebell Hill *tbc*

**Live streamed worship every Thursday
morning at 11.00am on  YouTube**



What Next?

Many thanks to all who gave up their Saturday morning last week (or who sent their comments, thoughts and ideas in beforehand) to be part of our exploration as to where God is leading Holy Trinity over the coming weeks, months and years! So, what next? – the clergy and wardens will be pulling together your responses when they next meet in a few weeks' time and take them to the Church Council (CEC.)

Some aspects of church life are likely to begin to change following July 19th but we are still not clear about what this will mean for things such as singing during services nor how members of the congregation will feel about what could be 'optional/recommended' matters such as face coverings and sitting closer together.

At least until July 19th

We must continue our current patterns. Particularly:

- † **Hands – Face - Space** will still apply (sanitising our hands on entry/exit, face coverings, social distancing and spacing between chairs.)
- † **Test and Trace** will still be operating

Work is starting on the floor at St. Alban's this week and God-willing should be finished in time for some substantial cleaning to be undertaken in the week beginning 26th July so that we can return to worship there on Sunday 1st August.

Please note that as long as you wear face masks and use hand sanitiser you can offer a lift to/from church.



Bible Focus and Prayers



Here are the readings and collects for the coming weeks.

7th Sunday after Trinity – 18th July

2 Samuel 7:1-14a, Psalm 89:20-37, Ephesians 2:11-end, Mark 6:30-34, 53-end

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

James the Apostle – 25th July

Jeremiah 45:1-5, Psalm 126, Acts 11:27-12:2, Matthew 20: 20-28

Merciful God, whose holy apostle, Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

9th Sunday after Trinity – 1st August

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a, Psalm 51:1-13, Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Keeping in touch (on Zoom)

We are continuing our pattern of online social events on Zoom, the next events are:



Coffee Morning: Monday 19th July – 10.30am

Tea at Three: Wednesday, 28th July – 3.00pm

In our prayers

We remember

- couples preparing for their wedding day.
- families considering Christenings.
- our local schools, their staff and pupils, as the summer holidays begin.
- those in, or recently out of, hospital and all in pain or who are anxious.
- those who have lost loved ones.



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