

## FUTURE WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

The latest announcement from the Church of England is that subject to suitable control measures being in place to maintain social distances, after over three months of being closed for collective worship on Sundays and other days, from 4<sup>th</sup> July, churches are being allowed to commence opening for services again. The Standing Committee of the PCC have met on Zoom over the past two weeks and now that sufficient measures have been put in place, we are pleased to announce a partial re-opening of St. John's for services for public worship as follows:

- ❖ Said Common Worship Communion at 09:30 am on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020.
- ❖ Said Common Worship Communion at 10:00 am on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020.
- ❖ Regrettably, we have had to defer re-starting the 8am BCP service for the time being due to the present cleaning requirements between services (which apply unless there is a 72-hour gap between services).
- ❖ We will be continuing the Zoom online Morning Prayer with hymns for the time being but, from 19<sup>th</sup> July, this will be at the later time of 11am. This is chiefly for those who will be refraining from coming to the church services at present due to age or underlying medical conditions (and also to allow those from our linked parish in Kuruman who have been joining us online to continue to do so).

The delay in recommencing public worship is to give us reasonable time to prepare, including producing the required risk assessments. As you may have seen in the press, singing in Church or playing wind instruments is currently not allowed. Holy Communion will be in one kind only (as was the case for several weeks before the lock-down) and the 2-metre social distancing requirement will apply. Contact details of those attending will need to be recorded in a suitable notebook and details kept for 3 weeks. The PCC Standing Committee will be meeting again on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July to continue to discuss the re-opening arrangements. Further details to follow in future Pew Sheets.

Private prayer with Social Distancing measures in place will continue until public worship commences, with the church being open as follows:

- ❖ Tuesday morning 9:30am to 10:30 am.
- ❖ Thursday evening 7pm to 8pm.

Social distancing protocols will apply, and this includes parts of the Church and alternate pews in the nave being marked as not in use. Hand sanitiser is available at the back of the Church on entry, and should be used, please.

*Canon Tony, The Churchwardens & The PCC*

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## PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST



Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith

Week Commencing  
SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020  
**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

### FOCUS ON... JESUS THE TEACHER

No-one can overestimate the influence of a good teacher. We remember them with warmth and fondness long after their precise words may have been forgotten. People are more important than words. Qualities like kindness and generosity and personal integrity and the gift of being able to inspire others are more enduring than principles or rules. So, in today's Gospel, Jesus offers himself as a teacher: "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me", he says, "for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls". He summarised the Law into two essential principles which we call the "Golden Rule"; love God and love your neighbour. And in order to teach how this would work out in practice, Jesus simply offered himself to His disciples, and to us, as the example and model to follow. In other words, he is for us the way to God; the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Follow him and we will find God. Like a good teacher, the lasting impression he makes resides more in who He is than in anything specific that He has said, treasured though his words certainly continue to be.

And so, the task that he sets his followers seems, at least in principle, a straightforward one – simply be content to be yourself! Aspire to become more and more truly the person God wants you to be, and created you to be; following Jesus as your teacher and guide. Be gentle and kind, with yourself and with others, never judging too harshly or surrendering to embitterment. Be humble, acknowledge your need for God, do not assume you have to do it all by yourself. And try to treat other people as individuals too, justly and with mercy, and insofar as you can do so following the example of Christ Himself. Simply seek more and more, in prayer and in daily living, to get to know Jesus, the person, human and divine. Learn from him and you will find rest, the true rest that comes as a precious gift of God.

*Tony Bundock*

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## SERVICE FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

This Sunday's Morning Worship service on Zoom will be led by Canon Tony and start at 10:00. The hymns will be led by Cher and the Mole Family with other members of the congregation taking part. Details have been supplied in the Zoom specific email but are also shown here again:

Topic: My Meeting  
Time: Jul 05, 2020 10:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76811258816?pwd=d0JPbmFxdHhRdmRsaVRNSTdCNkVIQT09>

Meeting ID: 768 1125 8816  
Password: 4fmGqy

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### COLLECT FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, *Amen*.

### READINGS FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Proper 9)

Zechariah Ch. 9 VV. 9 – 12.  
Romans Ch. 7 VV. 15 – 25a.

Matthew Ch. 11 VV. 16 – 19 & VV. 25 – 30.



## PRAYER CHAIN PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

*(Intercessions during the Zoom Service will be led by Mark Roberts)*

Heavenly Father, even though we are not meeting together in person as a congregation, I thank you that I am part of your Church of St. John the Evangelist in Lacey Green.

We pray for healing in our land and a strengthening of your Church, that it may continue to set an example of care and compassion, a beacon of hope and caring in this hurting world. We pray for those whose burdens are heavy and whose lives have become weary. For those sick in body mind or spirit that they may be granted healing, rest and peace.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen

### *Weekly Prayer Notes*

- We pray for all parts of the world affected by the Coronavirus (Covid-19), those who are ill with the virus and the souls of those who have died. We pray for those working in the NHS, Care Homes and Social Services who are working with the sick, the elderly and the disabled.
- We pray for those in our parish who are isolating themselves due to age or infirmity and those supporting them. We also pray for those who are sick in body, mind or spirit and need our prayers at this time, including Irene Ford, Mary Mines, Helena Oecken, Ian Wilson, Ron Goodearl, Phillipa King and Barnaby Woods.
- We pray for the souls of the departed, particularly at this time for the soul of Sheila Wicks, mother of Sue Ashton. We pray for Sue and her family that they may receive courage, comfort and strength at this difficult time.
- We pray at this time for the country of South Africa, for the people of Cape Town and Diocese of Kimberly and Kuruman, which have been badly affected by Covid-19. For our Linked Parish of St. Mary's Kuruman.
- For Peace and Resolution for the peoples of those countries where there is conflict or tension including countries in the Middle East, Ukraine, Nigeria, Venezuela, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sri Lanka and Hong Kong.
- For Comfort and mercy for the peoples of those countries, where there have been natural disasters, and for the aid agencies bringing relief.
- For our Government and Parliament at this time of uncertainty, that MP's of all parties will come together in the National Interest.
- For migrants that they may receive justice and mercy.
- Safety for Christians and peoples of all faiths in danger that there may be a spirit of peace and understanding.
- For our mission and ministry in this community.