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Introductory Letter

Living with uncertainty

It's one of those spring days when the sun is shining in a bright blue sky and there are signs of new life in the garden. Many have been vaccinated and there is much for which to be thankful after a year or more in which life has been distinctly unusual and for some, very difficult. Little by little, the regulations are being eased and life is returning to normal. We will soon be able to do more than we've done in the last year. But will we go back to the carefree days, or so they seemed, when we met our friends wherever and whenever we wanted? Will we go back to being able to book holidays knowing they were fixed in time? Will we go back to having no restrictions on what we can – legally - do?

There are many who are fearful about what life offers in the near future. Some face unemployment where businesses are not able to survive. Some are waiting for delayed hospital appointments or procedures. Some will be mourning a loved one and feel unable to face a bleak future. Some will be anxious about mixing with large numbers of people – the virus will be with us for a long time, and some will still catch it. Will there be another lockdown and all that entails? It is certainly not a happy thought.

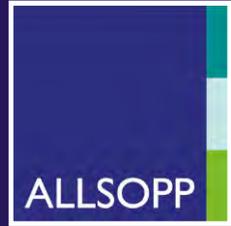
There's no doubt that we will all live with uncertainty for the foreseeable future. It is unlikely we will return to the normality of 18 months ago. Where do you stand? Do you think the glass is half full, that soon we'll be able to holiday abroad, that restrictions will soon disappear, that the economy and therefore jobs will be on the up and that an annual jab will give us the protection we need? Or do you see the glass as half empty, that things will only get worse?

Whatever our views, most people suspect there is uncertainty in the times ahead. Where is God in all of this?

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Even if you find it difficult to put your faith in God, and many do, revel in the wonders of human skills and creativity, in the beauty of the world around us, in the loveliness that enriches our daily lives and say thank you, because that's God at work through his creation and through others.

David Nye
St John's Ministry team

Moira Carrington would like to pass on her thanks to all those who have donated stamps to the collection at St John's. The used stamps help to raise money for Embrace, a Christian development charity tackling poverty and injustice in the Middle East. The charity accept all stamps, new, used, first and second class and the collection box is located inside the church porch if you wish to donate.



Churchwardens' Report

As churchwardens we are required to provide a report to the APCM summarising the main activities which have occurred at St John's during the past six months. We would like to begin by thanking our deputy wardens: Bill Moore, Heather Nye, and Martin Myers for their support during the year. We are also grateful to members of the Standing Committee: Jacky Dodd has kept us in check as PCC secretary during the year, and Tim Coleman, our treasurer, has carried out the duties and responsibilities of Treasurer efficiently and professionally, managing our budgets, accounts and finances, and dealing with our day-to-day accounting procedures.

Last October we noted the continuing sickness of our vicar, Berkeley, and were hopeful that he would soon return to ministry. However, in December he informed us of his decision to resign his post. This sad news was conveyed to the congregation through an announcement by Bishop Michael after a Sunday morning service. With the help of Bishop Michael and Archdeacon Jane, we began our search for a new vicar, starting with an informal vacancy meeting that was attended by a wide cross-section of the congregation. A small group revised the Parish Profile, expertly coordinated, written, and designed by Liz Sergeant, who also put together an advertisement for the role. At a meeting of the PCC these documents were agreed, and James Hillman and Tom Venner were chosen to be the Parish Representatives on the recruitment panel, with an interview day for short-listed candidates taking place in early May.

Being in vacancy created many

challenges, but we were blessed with a dedicated ministry team, who worked immensely hard to maintain our ministry and services as best as possible in the circumstances. Archdeacon Jane enabled us to receive support from Jill Suttie, from St Mark's Church, Colney Heath. Jill provided practical support and care throughout the last months, and we are grateful to her for the time that she gave us. Being in vacancy had unexpected advantages, however, as we welcomed no fewer than three Bishops and two Archdeacons to preside and to preach at our services since early December – most of them more than once! We would like to thank David Nye for maintaining the rota of visiting clergy during Berkeley's absence and our subsequent vacancy and for using, for our benefit, his most impressive address book!

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The coronavirus pandemic has continued to affect our activities. Although we were able to meet in church prior to the November lockdown with a reduced congregation, we reluctantly concluded that we should revert to a live-streamed service for our 9:30 Sunday Eucharist. We are extremely grateful

to Neil Middleton, Michael Readman, and the expert advice of Peter Weitzel, through whom we were able to set up our live streaming, which has reached a wider congregation through the internet. The live streaming team has now expanded and continues this sterling work. Throughout the past months, Morning Prayer has taken place on Zoom. Funerals have also taken place in church.

As well as leading the live streaming work, Neil has also taken a lead role in compiling a weekly newsletter for circulation to over 200 email addresses and for ensuring that communication online and on social media has been up to date and comprehensive. He has also been an invaluable technical lead to ensure that virtual church meetings have run smoothly. And a team of volunteers has distributed Church at Home leaflets to those members of our community who are not able to join the online services. We thank you all for your time and support.

We are indebted to the many and various teams of volunteers who gave us their support in sharing with us the work of caring for and maintaining the continuing work of St John's. During the period up to the end of December, our church was open for private prayer every day of the week, only made possible by a small team of unlockers and

lockers-up; a bigger team of daily cleaners ensured risks were minimized for any visitors to the building. After a period of closure, we are now slowly opening up – Saturday and Sundays for private prayer, a planned return of some of our congregation to the 9.30 am service too.

Over the course of the last six months, our work in planning and fundraising for the new Parish Centre (Project Phoenix), has been scaled back temporarily because of the coronavirus. Although we have been unable to carry out public events, some smaller means of keeping the fundraising going have taken place. We continue to seek God's guidance on how we can use our facilities to further our mission in the parish and hope to resume our work in this soon. The Parish Hall is showing its age and causing some anxiety over its condition. The Fabric Committee, led with huge commitment by Matt Barter, works behind the scenes in caring for the church and the existing hall through ongoing maintenance, whether that relates to heating, leaks, stiff doors and many other tasks. We are fortunate to have a team of dedicated individuals who take pride in our splendid building and less splendid hall.

We should also thank Steve Howard, the gardener, who maintains our beauti-



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ful grounds; at this time many spring flowers are out and help us to feel optimistic for the future too. Julie in the Parish Office also deserves our thanks for all that she does to keep us on track, dealing with the hire of the hall, managing rotas, producing documents, and ensuring that there is a sufficient supply of coronavirus-combatting cleaning materials, all while tolerating a perpetual leaky roof in her office.

We are in a position where the financial pressure remains significant and the current economic, political and social uncertainty is causing additional difficulty. It continues to be a priority that we should be paying our Parish Share in full. A stewardship campaign took place at Harvest time and we have signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme, as explained in the Giving in Grace email and documents. This resulted in a significant increase to giving from existing members of the scheme.

At this stage we must record our grateful thanks to our stewardship recorder, Tony Armstrong, who has announced his intention to stand down from this important position after six years in role. We are seeking a willing volunteer to shadow Tony for a short period and then to take over from him. As a result of the stewardship campaign, our planned giving income has increased

over the year, but other items of income have declined as a result of our physical absence from church and the inability to let the church hall. Our expenditure has also reduced, and we have used the government's furlough scheme where appropriate. We must continue to be imaginative and energetic in the way in which we approach our stewardship in order that we can maintain and grow our ministry and reduce and remove the structural deficit that underpins our annual financial result.

We are pleased that we have been able to maintain our outside giving at 10% of our income and over the past year we have supported Young Carers in Hertfordshire, the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability, Azalea, and Rennie Grove Hospice Care. For Harvest, we had a huge number of contributions that went to the St Albans and District Food Bank but owing to the lockdown, contributions have been suspended and donors have been asked to donate at the supermarkets instead of through us.

Care for all of God's creation is part of the remit of the Eco-Church Team who have attained a Bronze Award from A Rocha for their policies and practices aiming to make us a greener church. We are particularly grateful to Margaret Charlston for leading these efforts and

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for encouraging us all to take responsibility for our environmental actions.

We were not able to maintain the delivery of our parish magazine free of charge to all in the parish, reaching about 4,000 households, owing to the pandemic. Sophie Crowley has taken on the editor's role, and owing to the continuing situation, the magazine has been produced and sent online. We have now been able to return to the paper copy.

We are also grateful to the group of parents who have been running Junior Church for the time that they have taken to plan activities for the younger members of our congregation over the lockdown period. The Nativity Play is always a highlight of Christmas at St John's, and this year was coordinated by the Junior Church team, and Iain Pritchard, who produced a lovely thought-provoking and joyous video. Junior Church online videos have been exciting, and they plan to continue to produce them on a theme of bible stories.

Music has always been an important part of life at St John's: the pandemic and its restrictions on singing meant we had organ music only for a while, but since February we have been fortunate to have soloists who lift the tone of the service through the hymns they sing; thanks to Warren Greaves, Anna Chambers, Sophie Crowley and Andrew Harbord, and Roger Carter for this wonderful resource. We look forward to a time when our usual rich musical enhancement will be fully restored.

The very popular *Tea at Three* and *Soup for the Soul*, under the leadership of Margaret Creighton have been suspended because of the pandemic, yet Margaret has turned her ever-effective efforts

to the co-ordination of support to the vulnerable in our community through pastoral activities. Faith and Light were only able to meet once since last October, and Lauryn and her team held a church service too on a Sunday afternoon. They too are looking forward to the future resumption of their activities.

Please be assured that we are most appreciative of all the support we have received over this past period from everyone who has been involved in these activities; normal volunteering has not been possible and inadvisable for many people. A small caucus of individuals have worked tirelessly on everyone's behalf to keep services going and keep the church safe. Whether or not we have mentioned you by name, we know who you are and we thank you!

And finally, it is appropriate at this time to remember the friendship and faith of those of our congregation whom we have lost in the past year, and to record our grateful thanks for their lasting influence and respective contributions that they made to the life and ministry of St John's over many years. Looking forward, with the fundraising efforts for our new parish centre, on temporary hold but ready to be relaunched when possible, we all have the opportunity to leave a fitting legacy for future generations. Most importantly, we look forward to the leadership and work of our new vicar, the Rev'd Tim Vickers and we ask that we all pray for him and his family as they prepare for their move. ●

James Hillman
Jane Donati

Churchwardens

UPDATE FROM THE ECO CHURCH TEAM:

The St John's Eco Church team were delighted to receive the Bronze level Eco Church award in February. Eco Church is a project of A Rocha UK – a charity committed to helping and encouraging Christians to care for God's earth [ecochurch.arocha.org.uk](https://www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk)

There are many urgent reasons why we need to protect and care for nature today, including climate change, loss of species and the devastation of habitats. Human activity, or inactivity, is directly responsible for much of this destruction and loss.

Eco Church is an award scheme for churches of all denominations in England and Wales, helping us to 'go green' in all areas of church life. It covers worship, buildings and land management, outreach, and personal lifestyle. Our Eco Church team was set up two years ago under the inspiration of our former curate, the Rev. James Brown. The award is based on a survey of different areas of church life, and the scheme gives lots of advice and resources about how to make changes and to complete suggested tasks. For example, switching to a renewable electricity provider, providing bike racks, promoting recycling, carrying out an energy audit, and preaching and praying about Caring for God's Earth in services.

This Lent we devised an Eco Church Challenge, encouraging the congregation to complete two or three actions a week, to become more energy efficient, to reduce waste, promote biodiversity and to appreciate the wonderful world God has given us. One of the outcomes of the Lent Challenge was to find out about 'toilet twinning' as part of the Tear Fund organisation.

As a result, we have now raised enough money from donations from the congregation to 'twin' all six toilets and four taps at St John's, which will provide families in parts of the world living in poverty with potentially life-saving toilet infrastructure and sanitation.

<https://www.toilettwinning.org>



toilet twinning

We are now starting to work towards the Eco Church Silver award. Our Church Buildings are an important part of our impact on the environment, and so we are discussing various ways to make our new Parish Centre sustainable with the Project Phoenix team. We have a great opportunity to reduce our future carbon footprint with this wonderful project.

Sunday June 6th is **Environment Sunday**, and the theme this year is **Biodiversity**, or the variety of life on earth. As Christians we are called to celebrate that variety, and to protect it. Did you know that in the UK we have 59 species of butterfly and





24 species of bumblebee? Each species is a delight and a miracle of beauty and design. Yet many of these and other plant and animal species are in serious decline. The 2020 WWF report estimates that human activities have caused the world's wildlife populations to plummet by more than two-thirds in the last 50 years. As individuals it is easy to feel hopeless, that there is nothing we can do. However small actions, carried out by many people, can start to have an effect, along with pressure on business, local and national politicians, planners and others. But we need to act urgently. Here are five suggestions:

- Switch to a 'green' energy supplier – the [Big Clean Switch](#) website helps you compare green energy suppliers.
- Buy peat-free compost – peat bogs store huge amounts of carbon, and support a wide range of threatened wildlife
- Avoid all food waste – unbelievably, up to a third of all food bought in the UK is wasted. This is an enormous waste of money and resources and much of this ends up in landfill, producing greenhouse gases as it decomposes.

- Reduce – reuse – repair - recycle
- Buy recycled products – recycled paper kitchen roll, toilet paper, recycled furniture, clothing, etc to conserve precious resources and energy.

Environment Sunday falls in the St Albans Sustainability Festival 2021 (May 23 – June 6). See www.sustfest.org for more details. At St Johns we will be holding a litter pick-up after the morning service on Sunday June 6th at 10.30am. Litter is unsightly, and it is also a threat to wildlife and domestic animals – animals can eat plastic bags, get entangled in plastic waste, trapped in empty bottles, cut on broken glass, the list goes on. By reducing litter, we are doing a small bit to protect our local biodiversity.

If you are interested in finding out more about Eco Church, or would like to tell us how you got on with the Lent Challenge, we would love to hear from you.

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With thanks to Beverley Sweetman for the bumblebee and butterfly watercolours. See her work at www.beverleysweetman.co.uk



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Did you walk our Easter Chalk Walk?

During Holy Week, the Easter Story was recreated in chalk drawings and text around St John's church.

The story followed the events from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday and included a wall drawing of the last Supper, points to stop and pray, and the installation of a stark 8 ft cross made of gnarly charred branches in the memorial garden.

The Easter Chalk Walk was masterminded by our Reader, Lauryn Awbrey and the help of artist and member of the congregation Liz Sergeant. They were delighted with the responses and comments received from those who walked the trail.

"People found it moving and meditative," said Lauryn. "It was a great way to reconnect with the Easter Story."

"I'm delighted to see that the children joined in by adding their own beautiful drawings to the Garden of Gethsemane," added Liz. "It became a shared activity for Holy Week."





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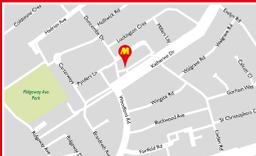
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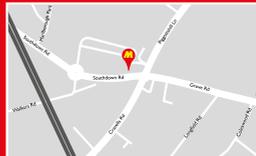
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Genesis 1:1 “... God created the heavens and the earth ...”



I'm writing this on 'Earth Day', 22nd April 2021. The first Earth Day was held on the 22nd April, 1970, to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

As Christians, Genesis 1:1 is our starting point and is fundamental to our understanding of nature and relationships between God, people and the rest of creation. Our universe is God's handiwork; God is the origin of everything. Therefore, all things, including the Earth, belong to God.

What does God think of it? 'Good' is the word mentioned seven times in Genesis chapter 1. In chapter 2 we find that Human (Adam) was made of the dust of the earth (adaman) – so we have a vital connection with the earth: it is

the stuff we are made of.

And we know now, more than ever before, the effect our ways of living have had on the heavens and the earth. Change will only come when we respect and honour what God has made.

There is a danger that we see salvation as an entirely human issue. When we read the Old Testament carefully, we discover we are expected to treat our environment with respect – giving the soil rest every seven years, animals and humans rest on the seventh day. Paul writes in his letter to the Romans that if suffering is a reality, then creation responds by “groaning” – and it is certainly doing that today.

We all need to find ways of daily living that bring hope and justice to

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today's world: there are enough programmes on the television to show us the effect humanity has had and is having on creation. Tearfund and Christian Aid are just two of the aid agencies highlighting the fact that climate change disproportionately affects the poorest in the world.

The culmination of God's promises come at the end of the Bible in Revelation, where chapter 21 describes a new heaven and a new earth. The Greek word used here is 'kainos'. This does not mean brand new but implies that something is 'made new'. One of my favourite television programmes today is 'The Repair Shop', where items which are well worn or broken and well loved by their owners are repaired and restored by the skills and loving care of the women and men who make up The Repair Shop team. There is something beautiful in the way they lovingly work to remove the old glue, paint, rust, etc. and then gently but firmly rebuild the breaks, cracks, brokenness of the items. The emotional reaction of the owners seeing their belonging in its restored state gives us just a hint of how precious this is to them.

In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which he addressed to 'every person on the planet', Pope Francis made an urgent appeal 'for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet'.

Now, post Covid-19, the urgency of that appeal has only increased, and we are each responsible for the effect our day-to-day living has on the air we breathe, the rubbish and food we throw away, the water we waste, the carbon created in the manufacture of things we

buy, the electricity/gas we use, etc.

We have to relate our day-to-day living to practical action to repair our world:

Make choices as individuals about energy use, refuse and recycling, water use, and transport.

Learn more about the environment and faith on the Christian Rural and Environmental Studies course (www.cres.org.uk)

Pray about environmental concerns and make changes where we can.

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Project Phoenix

Our new Parish Centre is needed now more than ever. During the last six months, the existing church hall has been rapidly deteriorating, making us even more determined to see this project through. The opportunity this project offers to our ministry and mission in the parish is thoroughly exciting.

The good news is that after our fundraising launch in February 2020, we quickly reached our first fundraising milestone of £500,000 in pledges and donations (including Gift Aid). This was a fantastic start to our campaign to raise £1.6m over 5 years, and we are very grateful to everyone who made their pledges and have continued to do so throughout this difficult time.

Although our fundraising plans have been on hold during the pandemic, some fun events have been organised, including two entertaining Zoom quizzes where several teams were put through their paces by quizmaster Paul Bedding. There have also been a couple of written quizzes, and sales of face masks and delicious jams, which have added to the overall project funds. We are grateful to everyone who has supported these initiatives during lockdown.

As we approach the lifting of lockdown restrictions, the project team are currently developing the overall five-year strategy for events and activities, with a view to kick starting the fundraising programme in Autumn 2021.

Our team of Ambassadors will soon be able to meet again with members of

the congregation, and encourage new pledges and support for the project. Looking further ahead, we will be widening our scope and reaching out to the local community and local charities.

In addition, as we prepare for the detailed design phase of the building, initial discussions have been held with our Eco Church group, to ensure we are working together as we consider the choices available to us. We also plan to consult with the congregation on our approach to sustainability, as we assess the options for a greener building.

Exciting times are ahead, and the project team look forward to working with you all on this inspiring and ambitious project, which will enable us to support each other and our community more effectively in the coming years.

Key Project Milestones - achieved

September 2019 – Planning permission granted by St Albans District Council

February 2020 – Fundraising launch party

April 2020 – Fundraising total from donations and pledges (including Gift Aid) - £500,000





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St Luke's Cell prayer group

Would you like us to pray for you?

We pray for anyone in the parish who has asked for our prayers for themselves or for their loved ones. St Luke's Cell prayer group is named after the disciple and physician Luke, who is the patron saint of doctors. We are continuing to pray individually as a group during the current situation and include members from St John's and Southdown Methodist churches.

If you would like us to pray for you or someone else, then please be in contact with Michael Hughes 01582 765576



God of all comfort, we bring you this world of so much pain: our own and that of those around us. We bring you our hurts, troubles, anxieties and fears, placing them into your hands, and we pray for those others facing sorrow or suffering: hopes dashed, dreams broken, or let down by those they counted dear: betrayed, abused. Hold on to us and all who walk in these steps. Reach out and grant the knowledge that you are with us, even here. Minister the consolation you alone can offer. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer in Christ's name.

(by Nick Fawcett, in *Prayers for Healing*, published by Kevin Mayhew Ltd, 2013)

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Diocese of St. Albans

We haven't been able to meet as a Branch since before Christmas, but we have stayed in contact through regular emails and phone calls and when it was suggested that we keep to the tradition of creating posies of flowers on Mothering Sunday, even though the congregation would not be meeting in church, the response from Branch members was brilliant.

After the live streamed Sunday service, during which the posies and plants were blessed, the church porch was left open. It hosted a wonderful display of colourful flowers, greenery and Easter cards all offered by Branch members to the congregation and anyone who had the time to call in and collect an offering to celebrate the special day for all mothers.

Families, couples and individuals made their way to the church to collect posies and plants and later in the day twenty posies with cards were delivered to people at home and the response from everyone was heart-warming.

As I write this, the Spring sunshine is streaming through the window, the garden is alive with colour and the trees are coming into leaf. Restrictions are gradually easing, and we can begin to plan our first gathering, probably a service in church. These lines from Robert Browning's poem, 'Pippa's Song' capture my feelings perfectly.

'The lark's on the wing;
The snail's on the thorn;
God's in His heaven-
All's right with the world!'



Carol Cooke, Branch Leader

Forthcoming events

Sunday 30 May	11.30am	Baptism
Sunday 27 June		Patronal Festival
Monday 28 June	8pm	Standing Committee
Sunday 4 July	4pm	Faith and Light
Monday 5 July	8pm	PCC Meeting
Saturday 17 July	7.30 pm	Concert of Madrigals and Motets: The Trinity Consort. Tickets £12 adults / £5 under 18s.
Sunday 25 July	11.30am	Baptism
Sunday 5 September	4 – 6pm	Faith and Light
Tuesday 14 September	8pm	Standing Committee
Wednesday 29 September	8pm	PCC Meeting
Saturday 16 October		Quiz night

Parish registers

Baptisms

Welcome to the family of God

There were no baptisms in this period

Marriages

Joined by God

There were no weddings in this period

Funerals

May they rest in peace

3 February 2021
Patricia Tollworthy

11 February 2021
Diana Mary Turner

23 February 2021
Sheila Margaret Burley

25 February 2021
Josephine Young

10 March 2021
Francis Lloyd Stephen

15 March 2021
Susan Christine Eastwood

12 April 2021
Janet Carruthers



Services at St John's

Please note the services listed below and their times may have to be changed and / or cancelled depending on Government regulations. It is unlikely that the Eucharist (said) on Sunday at 8.00am and on Wednesday at 9.30am will take until the arrival of a new Vicar.

Please visit our website at www.stjohnsharpenden.org.uk, our Facebook page, and our latest newsletter for up to date information on our services each week.

Sunday

- 8.00 am Said Eucharist
- 9.30 am Parish Eucharist (*also live streamed*) followed by coffee in the hall.
All Age Eucharist, *normally first Sunday of the month*
- 9.30 am Junior Church, *except for All Age Eucharists*
- 11.30 am Holy Baptism, *last Sunday of the month*
- 6.30 pm Evening Worship

Mondays - Fridays

- 8.30 am Morning Prayer (by Zoom only)

Wednesday

- 9.30 am Said Eucharist
- 5.00 pm Evening Prayer

The Church is presently open on Saturdays and Sundays for private prayer from 11am (Sundays from 10.30am) to 4pm



PARISH OFFICE

For enquiries, including marriages, baptisms, funerals and hall bookings, please contact the parish office open from Monday 9am to 5:30pm and Wednesday to Friday 9:30am to 1:30pm.

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