



# ST. OSWALD'S NORBURY

13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

## Welcome

**Please note – items in purple are either new or have been updated**

Welcome to St Oswald's to those who are worshipping from home and those who are present in church

The latest Church of England guidance (9th September) has stated that places of worship are exempt from the 'Rule of 6' gathering restrictions that you would have heard about in the news. We must ensure that all who are worshipping in church maintain a distance of 2m from others who are not part of their household or social 'bubble', use the hand sanitiser provided and follow the one-way system. Please note that it is now a legal requirement for all attending worship to wear a face covering correctly unless you have a specific reason for being exempt from this. Intercessors, readers and the clergy will remove their face coverings when they are addressing the congregation.

### Music

The music selected to accompany this service includes:

Awake, awake, fling off the night

Here on the threshold of a new beginning

Let us build a house

We cannot measure how you heal

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

### Today's readings

Romans 14.1-12

Matthew 18.21-35

### Services for September

For most of September (6th, 13th and 20th at least) we will **NOT** be using BlueJeans for a trial period. Instead we will be livestreaming the service using YouTube. The advantages are that it is much easier to access and you will be able to hear the music being sung and played. We appreciate that the experience will be very different and we would value your feedback. Each week will have a different link. All you need to do is go to the services area of the Church Website and find the link for each Sunday. <https://www.stoswalds.org.uk/media/>

The link for this Sunday is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4ZikG3HU7g&feature=youtu.be>

### Harvest Festival 20<sup>th</sup> September.

We are looking forward to our harvest festival next Sunday. We would like to ensure that we can ensure good distancing for all who come. To help with this, please let Judy Morris know by midday on Saturday 19th September if you will be coming, even if you have been coming regularly.

With regards to harvest gifts, please would you consider bringing the majority of your non-perishable foods beforehand in order to help make the church as attractive as possible. Anita has also requested that, in addition to food, please consider toiletries and hygiene products as these are also much needed. Church will be open Wednesdays 6-7pm and Saturdays 10.30-11.30am. A reminder that we are gathering on the grass by the south side door before the service on Sunday and, at the moment, the weather looks good.

Please also consider a 'spot' during the Harvest Social on Monday evening 21st September at 7.30pm on BlueJeans. For ideas, please see the flyer on the website or in church.

As usual, we will ask you to make contributions towards the cost of flowers well in advance of the day, and to bring non-perishable goods for display and blessing in church before being distributed to local charities. It would also be helpful if you could bring in, over the next week, suitable containers to hold flower arrangements which we hope can be distributed as usual. These need to be containers that will look reasonably attractive on display in church and in people's homes but that will not need to be returned.

### **Morning Prayer**

It has been good to have a number of people joining us for this each morning.

**9am Monday to Friday and 9:30am on Saturday.** All are welcome.

### **The Bishop's Certificate Course**

This is an excellent course for those who would like to extend their understanding of theological ideas. You can find more details by searching on the Diocesan website or by clicking [here](#)

### **50 reflections on lockdown**

We are still interested in having your contributions letting us all know about your lockdown reflections and stories

### **Church open for Private Prayer**

The church will be open for individual private prayer at the following times:

Wednesday: 6-7pm

Saturday: 10.30-11.30am

It may be possible to be open at other times – so keep an eye on the website and church door. If you need to come to church to pray then do get in touch with a member of the clergy and we can negotiate a time to open up for you

### **Financial support for St Oswald's**



Click on the image above or visit: <https://youtu.be/TcobGBEQU-E>

If you are unable to come to church, but still able to support us in our ministry, you can give through our 'give a little' campaign by clicking on the icon above. Alternatively you could ask for our banking details and make a direct payment or set up a standing order.

Please ask the clergy or the treasurer (Glen Dawson) for details  
Thank you all for the many ways in which you already give. We are grateful.

### **Prayers for the week**

Those who are lonely and isolated in our community.

Those who are facing new challenges; at work, in places of learning or at home.

### **Prayer of the week**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer God:

In the face of Climate Change

forgive us our wrongdoings;

challenge our apathy;

strengthen our resolve;

inspire us with hope;

and enthuse us with love

to make a world of difference now and for ever.

Amen

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