



Parish of Godalming
St Peter & St Paul, and St Mark's

Part of the Farncombe and Godalming Ecumenical Group Ministry

Weekly News Sheet

Sunday 6th September 2020

Trinity 13

The collect for the thirteenth Sunday after Trinity: Almighty God, You search us and know us: may we rely on You in strength and rest on You in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**Climate
Sunday**

A Coalition of churches and charities has launched the Climate Sunday campaign, as part of a call for action on climate change.

Starting from today churches are encouraged to have a Sunday devoted to the theme of climate change.

The scheme was announced to mark World Environment Day, by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. It supports charities which include CAFOD, Christian Aid, Operation Noah and Tearfund.

**Lectionary readings for this week
6th September - 12th September**

Sunday Romans 13:8-end; Luke 12:22-31

Monday 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Psalm 5:5-9a; Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday 1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Psalm 149:1-5; Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Psalm 45:11-end; Luke 6:20-26

Thursday 1 Corinthians 8:1-7,11-end; Psalm 139:1-9; Luke 6:27-38

Friday 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-end; Psalm 84:1-6; Luke 6:39-42

Saturday 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Psalm 116:10-end; Luke 6:43-end



Janet and Joseph Adams, Bob Arnold, Sylvia Boxall, Christopher Chamberlain, Jean and Brian Cornwall, Roger Jones, Jeffrey Lunn, Andrew Richards, Richard Rogers, Sarah Stine, Jane Vlach, Joan Young.

Please let the Parish Office know if you would like a name added to the list.

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Recommencing Services in Church

We are delighted to share that we will be **recommencing our services back in church on Sundays at 10am, beginning on the 13th September**. Canon John and Sue are looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible face to face as we gather together over the coming weeks.

Following national guidelines we are required to wear a mask whilst in church, so do please bring yours with you every time you come. We have a number of masks available inside the door if you do not have one of your own. A small, friendly team of Welcomers will be on hand to guide and help you decide where to sit, with social distancing measures laid out in the pews. Sadly, at this time, we are unable to serve refreshments after the service.

Can you help please? Volunteers are needed to help clean the church and Octagon after the end of the Sunday services, to ensure we are maintaining the highest levels of hygiene and cleanliness for everyone. If you would be willing to join a team, please let Sarah know. Thank you.

Staying at home? Should you be continuing to self-isolate for a while yet, we are seeking to make the Sunday services available via Zoom so that you can continue to join in at home. For service link details please contact Matthew email mcgreenfield@googlemail.com.

To enable the **Audio Visual system** to work in church at our Sunday services, and to be available to those at home, we will need people to operate the system. You do not need to be highly experienced to do this! If you can operate a home PC, laptop or tablet you can easily operate the laptop and projector in church. If you are interested in joining a small team, or would simply like to find out more before committing, please speak with Matthew, Sarah or Canon John; full training will be given and you will be supported at all times.

Sermon Series At our Sunday services in church during September, we shall be hearing sermons from the book of Joshua on the theme of 'Encouragement'. The book shows a clear picture of our walk with God today, and encourages us in our life of faith.

- 13th How to get from here to there
- 20th What happens when we fail?
- 27th Moving forward in faith

Sunday Club Sarah H and Sarah B are hoping to start Sunday Club over the next coming weeks, more information to follow. As part of our considerations, we are aiming to start with a pilot session and it would be helpful if you could let us know if you would like your children to rejoin us.

Private Prayer The church will continue to open on a Monday and Friday between 11am and 1pm for private prayer. It is hoped that over the coming weeks, we will be able to expand this. In order to help facilitate this we do need 2 stewards per session. If you are able to help, please contact Sarah. Thank you.

Tuesday Midday Communion These services will recommence from the 15th September led by Canon John and should provide an opportunity to gather together in a smaller informal setting. All are very welcome.

Parish Administrator As we move into September, Sarah will now be working in the Church Office on Monday and Tuesday. She will work from home on a Thursday and will be flexible regarding where she works from on a Friday. During the week beginning the 28th September, Sarah will be working from home for the whole week.

During October we will be celebrating our **Harvest Thanksgiving at our All Age Service on Sunday 4th October**, at which the Archdeacon of Surrey the Venerable Paul Davies will be joining us. On the remaining Sundays of the month we will be following the Diocesan recommended initiative entitled 'Transforming Generosity'. This provides an opportunity for us to gain a deeper understanding of God's abundant generosity, to reflect on generous giving as part of our discipleship and worship, and to respond by continuing to build generous churches, so that we can be people that transform our communities, and beyond, at this time. It will include daily podcasts, written reflections and a sermon series for Sunday worship. We are waiting for more details from the Diocese, which we will share as soon as we receive further information.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) Please note our APCM will be held in church this year after our Harvest Thanksgiving Service. All those on the Church Electoral Roll (ER) are entitled to attend and to vote. If you are not sure if you are on the current ER, please contact Hilary Reeve our ER Officer email hilaryreeve29@gmail.com.

Do please also ensure you have completed our church registration document (necessary under GDPR requirements) so we can continue to contact you. Details are at <https://www.parishofgodalming.org.uk/registration-/>

Boiler Loan Repayment

A big thank you to all who have donated to the heating fund. To date, your red envelope donations, along with proceeds from fundraising events, have covered our quarterly loan repayments to the Diocese. With fundraising events and the red envelope scheme on hold during lockdown, we would be very grateful for donations:

Direct bank transfer to 'Parish of St Peter and St Paul Godalming'

Cafbank sort code 405240

Account number 00015455

Please reference the heating fund.

Cheques, made payable to Godalming PCC, can be sent c/o The Treasurer, 4 Huxley Close, Godalming, Surrey GU7 2AS.

Please email Matthew Greenfield mccgreenfield@googlemail.com, our Gift Aid Officer, if you are a UK taxpayer so that we can claim back an extra 25p for every £1 donated.

Other Giving

Regular donations are most easily set up through the Parish Giving Scheme (this is also the least onerous method for us to administer). For further information, or to be sent a form, please email or call Sarah in the office, or the Churchwardens. <https://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk/for-donors/>

During lockdown, more of us are shopping online than ever. There is a simple way to raise extra funds for the church every time you do, using Easy Fundraising. Follow this link to find out more:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stspeterpaulpc/>

Online Giving

For those who prefer to give individual rather than regular donations, we now have a new way to donate by credit or debit card via our website at

<https://parishofgodalming.org.uk/donations/>



When we give of ourselves, financially as well as through the use of our God-given gifts and talents, we are demonstrating generosity in our daily lives. Thank you for your generosity in giving to the church, this enables us all to continue seek to express the unconditional love of Christ to all those we meet.

Acorn Christian Healing Mission

Acorn Christian Healing Mission is now live streaming their regular events, such as the weekly Healing Service. If you haven't already, head over to their YouTube channel and click 'Subscribe'. By doing this you will be notified by email each time Acorn starts a live event along with how to tune in and be a part of it. Don't worry if you miss the live stream, you can watch it again at a time that suits you via their channel.

There is also a 6-part series of 15-minute Coffee Pods in June [catch-ups available] exploring big questions on Christian Healing. and which are very popular. You can find them through the Acorn Healing website on www.acornchristian.org.

Foodbank

Your donations are important and any items you wish to donate should be taken to St Mark's Church. If you wish to donate to the foodbank by bank transfer, please contact Karen our Community Centre Co-ordinator stmarkscentre@googlemail.com

who will provide bank details. If you would prefer to make a donation by cheque, please make it payable to 'St Mark's Community Centre.' The website has now been updated, so for information on current needs contact them at <https://www.parishofgodalming.org.uk/our-church-of-st-marks/food-bank/>



Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust Audiology services during COVID-19

Email rsc-tr.Audiology@nhs.net

(this is their preferred method of communication)

Telephone 04183 464108

(reduced admin for the phones so may take longer to answer)

Hearing Aid Batteries: If you need hearing aid batteries or replacement tubes please contact the department and they will send them by first class post. Make sure you include the following information in your message:

- Name
- Address
- Date of birth
- Type of batteries/tubes

Hearing aid batteries cannot be collected from the hospital, so please do not come to the hospital unless you have an appointment.

Hearing Aid Repairs:

- **Postal repairs** - you can post your aids to be repaired and they will be returned by post. It may take up to 2 weeks and if it has been over 2 weeks you will need to contact the department.
- **Booked repair appointment** - You can book a repair appointment and current waiting time is between 2-3 weeks
- **Walk in Repair Clinic and Drop Off service are NOT running.**

Lost Hearing Aids:

If you have lost one or both of your hearing aids please email the department and they can let you know if replacements can be posted or if you need to be booked in for an appointment.

If anyone needs help, please contact Derek Randell - 01483 428240.



ROTARY GODALMING JOB CLUB

Rotary in Godalming are setting up a job club for anyone who finds themselves made redundant or without work due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

The present circumstances can make a job search especially challenging. So, it is even more important that you do yourself full justice when applying!

Our trained volunteer facilitators come from many different professional and business backgrounds and experience. But they share the same purpose – to help you succeed in finding a job that is right for you.

We cannot promise the outcome, of course, but gladly offer, free of charge, independent, practical guidance and support on:

- Understanding your strengths
- Setting yourself a goal and making a plan
- Where to look for jobs
- Filling in an application form
- Creating your C.V. and preparing the right covering letter
- Getting ready for an interview
- Building your confidence
- Coping with rejection
- Staying motivated

If you are interested please contact us at:

rotaryjobclub@godalming-tc.gov.uk

Visit our website

<https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=1451>

