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## Week of 2nd May 2021

### **Strategy Team**

# **Open for Services**

The church is open for services. Tickets for our 9.30am services are released the Monday before at noon.

If you find that tickets are sold out, please either join the waiting list or contact us directly so we know - this will inform future decisions about how many services we offer.

Online Church and Paper church will still be provided.

Our mission as a church is to respond to God's love, and we do this by growing deeper in God and larger in mission, but as the world has changed so drastically over the past year, and as we anticipate more change to come, we're starting to think about how we can best fulfil our mission in this new context. Church is called to be family, so we really want to hear from you - We're inviting you to a conversation about your experience and thoughts in different areas of our church mission. You can take part via a few options:

- At our final zoom meeting; Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm (link is on website)
- By an online questionnaire (until the 9<sup>th</sup> May)
- **By a written questionnaire on paper** (please get in touch to request a copy) (There will also be opportunities for the younger members of our church family to be involved.)

For now, please pray. You might like to use this short prayer:

"Father God, thank you for your faithfulness to us so far. Please guide us now and fill us with wisdom. Show us how we can grow deeper in you and larger in mission, and give us the courage to follow wherever you may lead us."

#### MISSION OF THE MONTH

#### May - Mission Aviation Fellowship

"We fly medical, relief and life-transforming help to vulnerable people in hard-to-reach places."





#### **PAPER SERVICE**

We produce a paper version of our online services for anyone who cannot connect to us online. These are found with our service videos on the website. If you know someone who would benefit from this, please print and deliver, or alert the office.

### Giving

We do not take offerings at our services, even when we are able to meet. Our preferred method of financial giving to continue the work of the Church is via Standing Order. Please contact the Church Office or our Treasurer, David Craigen (01420 564152 or cogstreasurer@gmail.com) for more details. If you wish to donate online, these are our account details:

Acc No: 60003685. Sort Code: 60-01-13. You can also find a Paypal donate button.



Many thanks for your generosity.

## Ministers: All of Us Together

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# **Staying Connected**

www.goodshepherdfourmarks.org.uk/online-church Find the following on our website:

Online Church Services
11am Sunday Coffee on Zoom
Kids Church Videos
Youth Activities
Family resources & Activities
Small Group Notes
Alpha Online



I I am Coffee On Zo⊚m

Morning Prayer / Compline: Contact David Bush

d.l.bush@mac.com

For weekly notices, please contact Matt to be added to the church mailing list.

For prayer updates, please contact Matt to be added to the email prayer chain.

#### **Midweek Services**

Our Licensed Lay Ministers continue to run midweek services online. Mon 08.00, Wed 20.00

Classic Anglican Order of Service ... available on the site, and online, and by a tablet/phone app

Email David: d.l.bush@mac.com to get access and give it a try!

#### **Message from Ali Beckett - URGENT APPEAL**

Many people are dying needlessly in Malawi because of Covid-19. God has put it on my heart to help as much as I can. The hospitals do not have sufficient resources to treat everyone. Starfish Malawi have set up the THE OXYGEN OF LIFE APPEAL to provide the urgently needed equipment and resources to the local hospital and health centres where we work in Salima. Starfish Malawi have opened a just giving page and all of the details are shown below. Even the smallest amount could help to save someone's life.

Thank you so much for your support. Ali. There are two ways to donate:

1. By visiting <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/fightingfundformalawi">www.justgiving.com/campaign/fightingfundformalawi</a>

2. By BACS transfer to our bank: CAF Bank, Sort Code 40-52-40, Account number 00018762

#### **Parish Magazine**

The May edition of the Parish Magazine is available on the website. Do check it out.

### **APCM Update**

Many thanks to all those who joined us for our recent APCM (in the building or online). Our wardens Andy and David were re-elected and we are grateful for their continuing service.

Natalie, having finished her term on PCC, stepped down. Jill and Bob, who both joined PCC on a one year term at our last APCM were re-elected, and Vicky was elected to the remaining vacant role. Please do be praying for the whole PCC, our deanery synod representatives and all our church leadership.

### **Messy Church Delivered**

May's theme is all about communicating with God nd with others.

Sign up for May is open until 11am Monday May 3rd and packs will be delivered by Friday 7th May

You will also receive a link inviting you to join us for our Zoom cafe and newstime Sunday 9th May 4- 4.45pm

