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PEWS NEWS

Sunday 29th November 2020

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Well done to everyone for persevering through another lockdown!

This one has been very different to the first, and it seems that despite its shorter duration it has been felt harder by some.

As you will all be aware, the government has now announced its plans for what will happen after this lockdown concludes, so we are making plans for the run up to Christmas under the new tiered system. At this time we understand that churches will be able to keep their doors open for Sunday services in every tier. This is an answer to prayer, and a recognition of the hard work that churches have put in to keeping their congregations safe.

Thank you all for your willing cooperation with the teams responsible. It has been important to be able to work together as a church family despite the challenges, and it is always a joy when things work out in this way. The details of what we will be able to do vary according to the risk. We are waiting for official guidance about the necessary steps to keep people safe, and will communicate them once we have them. Do watch out for updates on the church website.

With all that in mind we look forward very much to reopening the church for public worship on **Sunday 6 December!** With it being the first Sunday in the month we are planning an All Age service, so we can look forward to meeting all together at our first meeting after lockdown!

Booking in

Whatever the official guidance ends up being we anticipate that we will need to manage numbers in the building carefully, so please email or ring in to the church office, as previously, to book your place for the coming Sunday. Once you have spoke to Helen or left a message you will only hear back if there is not room for you that week.

Please do continue to be praying for one another, for wise decisions about what can happen at church, and most of all for God's work of building his kingdom to be continuing at this time. "Your kingdom come, your will be done."

John

Prayer Requests

Members and friends of the fellowship in need of our prayers this week:
**Cora Beard; the Burns family; Jane Cowley; June Elphick; Angie Emmerson;
Hilary Ferries; Margaret Harris-Ross; Arthur & Dot Martin;**



Christmas Tree.

If you walk past St George's at the weekend you will see our Christmas Tree is up and beautifully decorated with the baubles which have been coloured or painted or glittered or collaged by people of all ages from all over the area! Thank you to everyone who has done one, but it's not too late - the templates are still available online and from the box on the south door step.

If you would like to help with the cost of this please would you place your donation in an envelope marked '**Christmas Tree**' and drop it through the church letter box on your daily walk. Other means of giving to the work at St George's are detailed inside opposite.

Our tree will form part of our alternative to a Christmas Tree Festival, which can't happen due to Covid restrictions,... the first ever...

St George's Church Community Christmas Tree Trail

which will run Monday 14th December to Saturday 2nd January. This free event will unite the local community of East Worthing by use of a Tree Trail Map locating all the trees or Christmas window displays at local businesses, schools and organisations who have registered to take part. More details coming soon.

Other plans for Christmas are well underway so keep an eye on Pews News, the website and our Facebook page

Worthing Food Foundation Christmas Donations...

The Food Foundation are launching a Christmas Countdown, collecting different items each week to fill stockings and food parcels for delivery to local families in December.

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/WorthingFoodFoundation/> to find out what is being collected each week. Please take your donations to the Baptist Church in Pendine Avenue on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings 9am - 11am. If you are unable to give items but would like to help, you can donate to their Christmas appeal at the same Facebook address.

Zoom Prayer Meetings

The popular weekly Zoom Prayer Meetings will be rezooming (resuming?!) on **Friday 4th December** at 4pm. If you would like to take part in this please email the Church Office by Thursday 3rd December and your details will be added to the invitation list. You will then receive a link by email which will enable you to log on and take part. Once your details are on the list you will be automatically invited every week.

Digital Home Group?

With current restrictions on meetings at the moment, we are reviewing Home Groups. Would you be interested in joining a digital home group on Zoom? To find out more, please contact Charles Randall (*contact details available in the church directory*) or the church office, office@stgeorgesworthing.org.uk, and we will get back to you.



Mike Tyler is leading a charity Network of Member Churches, missions and other Christian organizations in developing countries and would like to invite a home based volunteer help with administration or internet research. If you could be interested, please look over the Network website at www.communitydevelopment.net and if you would like to use your skills and experience to help, please contact Mike on: office@communitydevelopment.net

Christmas photos for St George's online events

Calling all photographers who would like to submit photographs to support our various online events for Christmas and beyond! Please contact the office for more details.

If you would like to contribute to the work of St George's here are the bank details:

Acc Name: St Georges PCC Worthing
Acc Number: 00020048
Sort Code: 40-52-40

If you are a UK Taxpayer, please ensure you let the office know so that we can claim 25% extra on your gift.

We are grateful for all gifts given towards the ministry, buildings, repairs and other expenses at St George's.

Please put your name as a reference so that we can send an acknowledgement to you.

If you have a Smartphone you can scan this QR code to make a donation, and for more details, and other methods, please see <https://www.stgeorgesworthing.org.uk/giving/>

