



St GEORGE'S  
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# PEWS NEWS

**New website & email address:**

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

[www.stgw.org.uk](http://www.stgw.org.uk)

[office@stgw.org.uk](mailto:office@stgw.org.uk)

## **A message from John**

Everything changes again! We enter into a third lockdown with news of local authorities declaring a major incident, and with coronavirus case numbers in Worthing spiking in a new way we have not seen so far. No one remains unaffected.

A verse from this week's reading reminds us that in these challenging times when we labour and need to endure, it is good also to give thanks to God for our Lord Jesus and our brothers and sisters in Christ, "We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thess 1:3

## **Plans for Sundays**

A major difference for us in this lockdown is that churches are not being shut, and we may hold socially distanced services as we have been doing. However, the new strains of the virus present significantly increased risk, as evidenced by the introduction of a new lockdown, and the news reports on numbers in hospitals. In recognition of this we are not continuing as usual.

### **Option 1: Service Video on YouTube at Home**

As has happened previously in lockdowns we will be producing a service video which will be available to view on our YouTube channel. This can be watched from home. We strongly encourage all those who are "highly vulnerable" to stay at home and watch the video rather than coming to church. We love you and want you to stay safe and well. You not be missing out on anything in terms of content.

### **Option 2: Service Video at Church**

We recognise, though, that meeting together is a spiritually valuable activity for Christians. For those who wish to come to church, and who agree to abide by the displayed instructions, and directions of stewards, we will show the YouTube video at 10.30am on Sundays. The preacher may preach the sermon live, but that will be the only departure from the online video.

### **Rigorous Social Distancing at Church**

There will be no additional substantive content to the service at church. The *pto*

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**DBS Checks:** Hilary Ferries

advantage will be that you can see people and watch the service together in the same building, but we need to emphasise that **there will be no opportunity to stop and chat**; people will be directed to leave the premises individually, or in household groups, in a rigorously socially distanced fashion.

### Stay in touch

Do stay in touch with one another. This lockdown is expected to be longer than the one in November, so do keep in touch by phone and email as much as possible. Homegroups are natural networks by which this can happen. There is a new digital homegroup running now. If you would like to join one then do be in touch with the church [office@stgw.org.uk](mailto:office@stgw.org.uk) or 219672, or me on 348843.

### Giving

One thing the PCC has observed during lockdowns over the past year is that while regular planned giving (e.g. via standing order) has largely continued (thank you), weekly giving (e.g. via the plate) has dropped substantially. If you would like to give to support the work of St George's throughout this difficult time, and we do need your support, please do look at the "Financial Support" box on this Pews News. There are many ways to give, and your prayerful consideration of this need would be of benefit to you and to many.

Do please get in touch about any of the above, or other topics!

With love in Christ,  
John

### Coming to a service from January 2021

As numbers are limited by social distancing, in order to attend church, please book a seat by noon on the Thursday preceding the service.

You can do this by email or by phone:

Email: [office@stgw.org.uk](mailto:office@stgw.org.uk) Phone: 01903 219672.

- *You will not get an acknowledgement unless there are no places left when you book.*
- *If we receive your booking after noon on Thursday and the list is already very full, your name may have to go on a reserve list and you may have to sit in the Pilgrim Chapel or in the Fellowship area at the back of the church.*

**Please read the message from John  
before deciding whether to come to church or not.**

### Prayer Requests

Members and friends of the fellowship in need of our prayers this week:

**Irene Daley; June Elphick; Angie Emmett; Hilary Ferries; Jeremy Robinson.**



Please also pray for the families and friends of our friends **Jane Cowley and Lesley Fox**, both of whom passed away last weekend.

And for **David, Laura & Susannah Preston** following their loss of David's mum and our friend, **Pearl**, just before Christmas.

### Financial Support

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.



There is a contactless card reader available at the back of the church if you would like to donate that way on your way out.

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.stgw.org.uk/giving/>

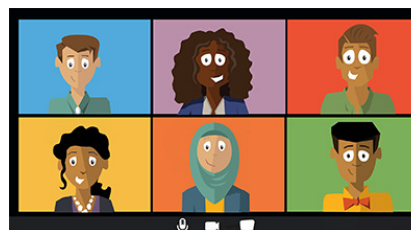
### New website and email details

After a few frustrating weeks we now have new web site and Church Office email details.

The web site is: **[www.stgw.org.uk](http://www.stgw.org.uk)**

The Church Office email address is : **[office@stgw.org.uk](mailto:office@stgw.org.uk)**

At the moment we're not sure if this is a permanent change or not, but be assured that if it changes again you'll be the first to know!



### Home Groups Online

If you would like to join a virtual Home Group, via Zoom or similar, please contact Charles Randall (*details in the Church Directory*) or the Church Office to find out more details.