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1 Thessalonians 2: 1 - 12

A message from John

Thank you to everyone who has been in touch about the arrangements for church during this current lockdown. It has been good to hear from a number of you about your support and understanding in these difficult circumstances.

Last week's hybrid approach to Sunday services with the production of a pre-recorded video, and the showing of that video in church on Sunday morning seemed to go well, although we only had around 20 attendees. Comments from those who were present were positive, again thank you, and do keep in touch with all your feedback.

Following last week's experience, and in the light of developments in the last seven days the PCC standing committee has decided to close the church building for services for the time being. This is because of the risks of infection, many of which are heightened or still unquantified at this time, a desire to be seen to be taking the danger seriously, and financially it is difficult to justify heating the building on a freezing winter morning for less than 20 people.

I appreciate that responses to this decision will vary. Please be assured that we are not wanting to give up the habit of meeting together (Heb 10:25), but that our overriding desire to be identified as belonging to Jesus because of our love for one another (John 13:35) and for our neighbours (Matt 22:39) is guiding our decisions.

We will keep this decision under prayerful review, and look to reopen safely at the earliest opportunity. When we do, the hybrid model we developed for last week may well be the path we follow for a period as people manage their own risks.

In the meantime, do look out for our weekly Sunday service videos on YouTube – if you subscribe to our channel you will get updates when they become available.

Families, we are making a special effort to provide a kids slot in the video so you can watch together on a Sunday, with activity sheets available too for you to do with your children, and some colouring to keep them occupied during the service too. Let us know how you get on! Kathryn is doing a great job producing videos for

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Messy Church too, which are a joy to see! Watch the website at stgw.org.uk for further news. And join in with what you can online. Some Home Groups are meeting on video calls, and there is a prayer meeting running on Zoom at 4pm on Tuesday and Friday, contact Sue Foster for details about that.

And do keep in touch with one another. It's good to talk!

Do please get in touch about any of the above, or other matters.

With love in Christ,

John

Prayer Requests

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

Irene Daley; June Elphick; Angie Emmerson; Hilary Ferries; Doris Richardson; Jeremy Robinson.



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

Zoom Prayer

If you would like to join the Zoom Prayer Meetings on Tuesday and Friday afternoons please contact the Church Office who will arrange for you to receive the link to click on to. Once you're on the list you'll receive an invitation every time a meeting is held. You don't have to join in every time you're invited; just click the link on the invitations you want to accept.

If you want to stop receiving the invitations please contact the Church Office.

Ann's Jam

'I spent some of first lockdown making jams etc. which I had hoped to sell to raise funds for Mothers' Union. As there has not been an opportunity for this they are still here. If anyone would like any it will be by donation to M.U.

I have 3 different marmalades, and several different jams as well as 2 chutneys. Please contact me on 07554 390399 for further information. Thank you.... Ann.'

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

The Church Office email address is : 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!

Virtual Youth Activities

Youth Bible Study will be online at 6pm this evening (17th). Contact Kathryn for details of how to join in.

Toddlers Google Meet Cuppa - will be a weekly virtual meet-up on Thursday mornings at 10am. Contact Kathryn Hughes-Burton for a link to meet with others from our Toddler family, for a cuppa and catch-up on line.

Toddlers weekly online sessions with crafts and song suggestions will re-start from Thursday 21st January.

Have a look at our website - www.stgw.org.uk/children-young-people/ - for more @Home activities for our young people including Young Followers, Youth Club and Messy Church.

More details about all our Youth Activities are available from Kathryn - see the back page of Pews News for her contact details.

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

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