

Zoom Prayer Meetings and Home Groups

If you would like to join a Zoom Prayer Meeting or a Zoom Home Group please contact the Church Office for further information.

Zoom Prayer Meetings take place at 4pm on Friday afternoons. The next one will be on **Friday 7th May**.

Video/Audio Service

If you are unable to access our weekly YouTube Church Service on line, please contact the Church Office (details on the back page) and Bob will be in touch with you to find a way in which he can help you either listen to or watch the service.

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<https://www.stgw.org.uk/giving/>



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PEWS NEWS

Watch our Sunday service online at

www.stgw.org.uk/online

Welcome to St George's - online or in church!

We're so pleased you could join us.

If you would like to join us for a service in church please see the website for Covid-safe instructions, and book your seat for each Sunday by emailing or calling the office by noon of the Friday before, so that we can ensure we have enough room for everyone attending to be socially distanced.

Please do continue to pray for wisdom for the PCC, and for energy and enthusiasm for the team as they produce video services!

Update from Vicar and the Churchwardens re Covid restrictions - May 2021

Hello all. In April we managed to increase church attendance, reintroduce many more live elements to the church service, and start to reopen the Children's and Youth activities. We are keeping all these matters under regular review. Here are our thoughts about what to expect/hope/pray for in May. Further restrictions could be lifted in June if all goes well.

First let us say that many things are NOT expected to change in May, namely: masks, social distancing, hand sanitisation, registration, live music group nor congregational singing. These are all prohibited by law, Government guidance or Church of England requirements. We anticipate provision for online viewing will continue throughout May, although viewing numbers are regularly decreasing as more people attend in person.

However, the following may have some opportunity to restart. Refreshments after service, if taken outside to drink, could be possible. Also the serving of communion bread might be possible. On both of these subjects further advice is being sought.

This short note is to bring you up to date with our thoughts and plans and to remind you all that your health and safety are our primary consideration in these matters.

Keith, Ron, and John

knowing Jesus and making him known

Prayer Requests

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

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



- Please pray for **Kathryn and her teams** as the **Youth and Family Work** starts to resume face-to-face instead of online.

- During the talk on 11th April we were asked. 'Can you think of a time when your faith in Jesus grew stronger? Many thanks to Wanda for sending in this response.

'At a particular time in my life I remember saying to God that I really wished that there was something special that I absolutely knew that He had for me, which I could do well and know real satisfaction in doing.

A few days later I received a call asking me to consider a job in the community and I knew instantly that this was God's answer to me. The work involved befriending families who had a child facing difficulties of some sort and helping and supporting them (this was long before Chestnut Tree Hospice). The next few years were some of the best years of my life. I felt God's total involvement in this work with me, especially in the difficult and scary moments. I loved the work and seeing His power at work in the children. Each day filled me with excitement and wonder'.



**Ashburnham 2022
Friday 17th -
Sunday 19th June 2022**

Book the dates now!
Application forms
available soon!

St George's Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The date of the APCM and Election of Churchwardens has been changed to **Sunday 16th May** immediately after the morning service.

The date has been changed to allow more people to attend in person as further restrictions are gradually lifted.

There are 3 places available on our PCC. If you would like to serve your church and help to make decisions about St George's, please consider completing a nomination form to put yourself up for election at the APCM. Please contact one of the Wardens or a current PCC member for more details. Completed nomination forms must be received at the Church Office by noon on **Friday 14th May**.

Gift Day

This year St George's Gift Day is **Sunday 23rd May**. We are seeking to raise funds to support our children and youth worker position. As we emerge from lockdown this role is vital to our continuing outreach ministries and PCC have clearly identified it as an opportunity for growth. Please do be considering prayerfully how you might be able to support this area of ministry.

Youth Activities

Young Followers - have restarted in the Church Hall every Sunday except 1st Sunday. The children will not be coming into Church but going straight to the hall. Kathryn will be contacting all the families concerned.

Toddlers - has restarted on **Thursday mornings** with a booking in system and waiting list in place as spaces will be limited. The session will run from 9.30-10.15am.

Youth Bible Study - (for school year 9+) face-to-face meetings in the church hall on 1st & 3rd Sundays at 6pm resume from today, **Sunday 2nd May**.

Details on how **Messy Church & Youth Club** will be restarting to follow soon.

Please contact Kathryn (details on the back of Pews News) about anything to do with the ongoing Youth Work at St George's.



St George's Green Gym Invitation

We are building an informal team to look after the church grounds, with tasks like weeding, trimming, lawn edging and mowing.

The idea is that you have a walk around the gardens when you have some time, see what wants doing then find some tools in the garden shed. A great way to help out, have some exercise and help keep the gardens tidy and looking good!

If you would like to help please contact Mike Tyler or the Church Office for more details.

A Mile a Day for May

As a way of celebrating her increased mobility over the past year Ann Arch is undertaking to walk a *minimum* of a mile a day throughout May.

She would appreciate it if people would sponsor her in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. She has a giving page on Facebook and sponsorship forms if you prefer to donate that way.

