

Faith in Sussex

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St GEORGE'S
WORTHING

PEWS NEWS

Sunday 21st February 2021

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1 Thessalonians 4: 1-12

Watch our Sunday service online at www.stgw.org.uk/online

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.

Sunday Morning Meet Up

One of things we all miss about services in lockdown is that we can't see each other at the end of the service. These informal opportunities to chat over a cup of coffee are not an added extra to our services – they are part of being a church fellowship – and we want to help this part of church life happen on line. So last week we ran an informal Google Meet get together for anyone linked to St George's at 11.30am on Sunday so that people could catch up with one another "after the service".

Apart from a couple of technical teething difficulties it seemed to go really well, the feedback has been very positive indeed, and we would love to see more people able to join in! It will not be everybody all in one group, we are able to create different groups for people to take part in as they arrive on the call.

You can join from a computer, tablet or smart phone, or if you don't have access to any of these, you can even phone in using the number below and entering the PIN number when prompted. Google Meet is very similar to Zoom – if you have a tablet or smart phone you will need to download an app – you don't even need to do this if you are using a desktop or laptop computer. We hope to see you this Sunday!

Please contact the Church Office for details to access the Google Meets get together in future weeks.

Parish Notice

The Electoral Roll will open for amendments, deletions and additions on Tuesday 1st March 2021 and close on Wednesday 31st March

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; Angie Emmerson; Elizabeth Evans;
Hilary Ferries; the Murphy-Dunn family; Doris Richardson;
Jeremy Robinson.**



Please pray for the family and friends of **Arthur Martin**, especially his wife Dot, following his death earlier this month.

Arthur's funeral will be at 11.15am on Thursday 25th February. Due to COVID19 regulations the number of people at a funeral is very restricted, and the number of attendees from St George's has had to be limited. This means that for most of us this information will be for our prayers as a church family as we stand with Arthur's family at this time.

Spiritual Disciplines for Dark Days

Christian pastor and author Christopher Ash has written an excellent short article on how we can approach the emotions and impact of lockdown as Christians.

<https://www.tgc.org/article/disciplines-dark-days/>

Zoom Prayer Meetings and Home Groups

If you would like to join the Zoom Prayer Meetings on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, or one of the Home Groups meeting on Wednesday mornings or Wednesday & Thursday evenings, please contact Helen in the Church office who will pass your details on to the relevant group.

Forty Tins in Lent

Throughout Lent we are asking each family to collect a tin or packet of food each day; rather than giving up something you will be donating to and thinking of others. So at the end of Lent you will have collected 40 items to donate to the local food bank, Worthing Food Foundation. Due to Covid we can't collect these at St George's, they need to be taken to the food bank at Pendine Avenue Baptist Church.

The most needed items are:

tins of: meat, meals, veg, puddings, tuna, soup, tomatoes, pet food squash
tea, coffee, biscuits long-life milk and fruit juice pasta and rice cereals
razors & shaving foam washing up liquid and washing powder
sanitary towels/tampons shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, hand soap
toilet rolls toothpaste and tooth brushes nappies, baby wipes

If for any reason you cannot deliver your donation please contact Helen in the office or Kathryn (details on the back of Pews News).

Know God better, live a transformed life!

With the start of Lent this week, anticipating Easter, perhaps you are feeling the need to take something up, or to give something up. Why not give something up and use the time to take up reading the Bible more over the next few weeks? Recently in our sermons and services we have been hearing about the need to listen to, and to know, God's word more and more. The Thessalonians received the word of God as it really is (1 Thessalonians 2:13) and were transformed, similarly today by the power of his Holy Spirit God uses his word to grow us in faith, love, and hope so that we can live lives pleasing him.

If you would like some suggestions or recommendations about reading the Bible drop a note to the church office and we would be pleased to direct you to someone who can help you find something helpful and appropriate. After all, Lent isn't about giving up chocolate or about getting a toned body for the summer, it's about understanding what Jesus gave up to buy our forgiveness and rescue, and enjoying knowing God now and living with him for eternity!

Youth and Family Activities

- **Young Followers@Home** - with activities to do as a family relating to the YouTube service.
- **Youth Bible Study** - sessions (for school year 9+) online at 6pm on Sunday 28th February.
- The next **Toddler Google Meets Cuppa** will be at 10am on Thursday 4th March

Details and how to access these activities, and much more, are on our website at www.stgw.org.uk/children-young-people/ or contact Kathryn.

Financial Support

Supporting the on-going work at St George's couldn't be easier:

- If you use weekly donation envelopes please continue to fill them each week, then drop them through the church letter box on your daily exercise walk or stock-pile them for when we can come back to church.
- Make a donation directly from your bank account using these bank details:
Acc Name: St Georges PCC Worthing
Acc Number: 00020048
Sort Code: 40-52-40
- 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/>