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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/>

Faith in Sussex

The latest issue of the diocesan magazine, Faith in Sussex is now available as a PDF to download or read online at www.chichester.anglican.org/faith-in-sussex.

If you would like a printed copy please contact Helen in the Church Office.

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St GEORGE'S
WORTHING

PEWS NEWS

Sunday 28th February 2021

1 Thessalonians 4: 13 - 5:11

www.stgw.org.uk

office@stgw.org.uk

Watch our Sunday service online at

www.stgw.org.uk/online

Dear All,

It seems as though we are eventually moving in the direction of a return to more familiar ways of life! Following the government's announcement earlier this week the PCC standing committee met on Thursday to review our stance on the closure of the church building.

With the trend in cases showing a steady decrease, the number of vaccinations increasing quickly, and the reducing restrictions it seems safe and wise, after prayer, to reopen the church for services on Sundays, following relevant COVID-safe guidelines. We plan for the first Sunday to be **7 March, next Sunday!**

You can remind yourself of what the relevant guidelines are on our website.

As indicated back in January we will resume services following the hybrid model that we successfully used just before closing the church. This involves producing a pre-recorded video, and distributing it via YouTube and DVD and CD as we have been doing recently, but also showing that video in church on Sunday morning. In church the sermon will be preached in person, live, but that will be the only substantial difference.

Our intention is to include as many people as we can through what we anticipate will be a lengthy transition period. We do not want people to feel they are missing out, and we appreciate that some will be itching to get back to meeting in the building, and others will be much more cautious for all sorts of good reasons. We are called to love one another, and we will need to be deliberate about that because loving through our different responses to change is one of the most difficult things.

As before, we will continue to keep this decision under review. Do please be in touch with me if you have any feedback or comments, I love to hear from you! And do keep on keeping in touch with each other, don't let your foot of the accelerator just now! 1 Thess 4:9-10 "Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other... Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more!"

In Christ, John

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; Dot Martin and family; the Murphy-Dunn family;
Doris Richardson; Jeremy Robinson.**



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/>

Know God better, live a transformed life!

Now we are in Lent and 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!

Forty Tins in Lent

The most needed items for the Forty Tins in Lent for Worthing Food Foundation 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

More details can be found at [www.facebook.com WorthingFoodFoundation/](http://www.facebook.com/WorthingFoodFoundation/)

Donations should be dropped off at Pendine Avenue Baptist Church

Tuesday - Friday 9-11am, please do not bring them to St George's.

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

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 we are running 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".

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 of how to join Meet Up in the future.

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.

Parish Notice

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

Zoom Prayer Meetings and Home Groups

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

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 today, 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.