

GOOD NEWS FOR NORWICH - copies of this free newspaper are available in the church porch. Please take one!

LOOKING FOR SOME DAILY HOPE? - The Church of England has a new free telephone line for you to ring to hear hymns, daily prayers and reflections from the Archbishop of Canterbury. Just dial 0800 804 8044 to be put through.

THANK YOU - to everyone who joined in the New Year Party yesterday evening, and helped to raise people's spirits.
Margaret Smith

GARDENING - Spring will soon (thankfully!) be here, and gardening will once again be a welcome activity in these lockdown days. So a reminder that John Thurman is still running his Tool and Knife Sharpening Service, as a fundraiser for both the Eaton parishes. Items can be left outside, and collected from his front door in Eaton. Call Email John.thurman@btinternet.com for details.

Please send notices for this sheet direct to Margaret Smith, tel. 01603 453010, or email: margarethsmith@btinternet.com by 12 noon on Tuesdays. Send a copy where appropriate for the St Andrew's website: webmaster@standrewseaton.org.uk

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The Church Office is currently closed; please phone or email Ruth or Sarah to leave messages.

News Sheet for 17 January 2021

Epiphany 2

A Virtual Welcome!

Even in this third period of lockdown it's good to be able to worship together, albeit virtually. The Church Council decided at their meeting last week that for the time being services in the church building shall be cancelled, but we thank God that modern technology means that worship and midweek events are available at the touch of a button.

Our website has details of all our "virtual" services, including the hymns for Sunday worship which have been chosen, the references for the readings, a copy of the Sermon Notes and the intercessions. In this way, although we may not be together in body we can be together in spirit as we worship together from our homes. Just look at www.standrewseaton.org.uk and follow the links.

Here are the details of our service this morning when we welcome Diana Timms as our preacher.

10 am Morning Worship via Zoom led by Phil Rodd
Readings: Revelation 5:1-10 and John 1:43-end

10 am Children's Sunday Club. For more information and Zoom details contact Lucy (lucy@standrewseaton.org.uk)

CHARITY OF THE MONTH - THE BIBLE SOCIETY

Begun in 1804, the Bible Society has set up branches around the world, focusing on areas where Christianity is growing fast - in China, Africa and the Middle East. In this country the Bible Society is working to help people recognise the value of God's word, developing resources for churches and sending volunteers into schools.

Please support this work by making a donation in a blue envelope on the display stand in the Welcome Area and popping the envelope into the wall safe nearby. Thank you.



'a church for all - a place for you'



PRAYER THIS WEEK

“Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up”. Luke 18:1

SUNDAY Once again services in church are cancelled but we give thanks for the technology that allows some of us to meet virtually together to worship this morning. Pray for Phil as he leads the service, Diana as she brings God’s word to us, and for those taking part.

Remember those who are unwell and those recently bereaved.

MONDAY Continue to pray that the vaccination programme will be speeded up over the coming weeks and that there will be sufficient supplies of vaccine available at the centres around the country.

Pray for all those working within the NHS who are exhausted, dispirited and fearful, that the lockdown measures will mean a slowing of infection rates.

TUESDAY The “Start!” course continues this evening. Thank God for modern technology and pray that there will be no problems as people get together via Zoom to learn, discuss and share together.

WEDNESDAY Today is the Inauguration of Joe Biden as President of the United States. In the aftermath of the unrest and violence around the Capitol recently, let us pray for a peaceful event, for the security forces to show restraint but to maintain law and order, for the democratic process to be respected by all American people.

THURSDAY *“Bangladesh is experiencing an outbreak of Covid-19 infections. People are particularly vulnerable as the country is densely populated. The Church and Community Officer in Dhaka says, “Pray for my living area where most of the garment industries are situated and huge numbers are infected. Also, remember those in the Rohingya refugee camps”. (Tearfund Prayer Diary).*

FRIDAY There have been problems for businesses transporting goods to and from Northern Ireland following our departure from the EU. Some companies were not aware of how to comply and lorries have been delayed because of incomplete paperwork. Pray that essential food and medical supplies will be delivered particularly as the pandemic continues.

SATURDAY Let us give thanks for Lucy, our Children and Families Worker, and for the group of young people meeting regularly on Sunday mornings via Zoom. Pray that this support will help them during this time of home schooling, and remember the parents and carers juggling work and child care.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING LONG-TERM ILLNESS.

WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK and NOTICES

Today

10.00 am Morning Worship via Zoom
10.00 am Sunday Club for children via Zoom

Tues. 19th

4.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
7.30 pm “Start!” course via Zoom

Thurs. 21st

4.00 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Sun. 24th

10.00 am Morning Worship via Zoom; Phil Rodd is leading and preaching.

“START” COURSE - Life! What’s it like? Some say it’s a dream, others call it a joke. Some describe it as a puzzle -and a fortunate few get all the lucky breaks! If you’ve got questions about life and sometimes wonder about the answers, then why not make a *Start!* There are six-sessions designed to help people discover - or re-discover - the basics of the Christian faith. It’s not too late to join in so contact Phil Rodd to find out more. Sessions are on Tuesday evenings, 7.30 - 9pm via Zoom.

PRIVATE PRAYER - you will be very welcome to spend time in the Old Church for private prayer daily, with opening times as before (from 10 am to 4 pm Mondays to Saturdays, and 12 noon to 4 pm on Sunday).

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES -- please save up your weekly envelopes until we can re-open for services.

PARISHES’ OFFICE - Ruth Thorp our administrator is working from home during this period of lockdown. She can receive emails on the usual email address: office@eatonchurches.org.uk. This is the easiest way to make contact with her, though she can also collect messages from the answerphone remotely, so if you need to ring, please call the office on 01603 473646 and leave a short message, remembering to include your number. She will call you back in due course.