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The numbers above are the best to ring in order to be directed to the most appropriate local support or to get your name on a growing list of people prepared to help those in self-isolation during the Coronavirus epidemic

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If you would like make a donation to the parish our bacs details are;

'EOFG Parish' Acc: 20519417 sort code: 08-71-99

Cheques payable to 'St Peter and St Paul Ewhurst'

www.eofgparish.org.uk | facebook.com/eofgparish

Parish office opening hours Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30 to 1.00pm



The Parish of Ewhurst
with Okewood & Forest Green

13 September 2020

Trinity 14

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings

Old Testament	Genesis 50: 15-21
The Epistle	Romans 14: 1-12
The Gospel	Matthew 18: 21-35



We continue to worship together online.

Sundays Morning Worship 10.30am

Mon - Sat Night Prayer 7.30pm

To access these services (you do not need to join Facebook) click the Facebook Live link on our website www.eofgparish.org.uk or go direct to the page by typing <http://facebook.com/eofgparish/videos> into your browser. If you're still having trouble, call Will on 07941 248 955.

Words for services and songs can also be downloaded from our website. Select 'Services & Songs' from the menu bar.

Message from Reverend Clare

Well, it's been a week. We have had more changes this week. Just for a change. In the parish, we have been thinking towards coming back into our buildings for the 27th of September. That was supposed to be the day we had our first indoor service at St John's Okewood.

However, it seems our hard working leadership team might have to think again when we meet on Monday the 14th. This week some time, in St John the Baptist church, some of the plaster fell off the ceiling in the nave. We have had to lock the building again in case it continues. Builders have been called and the buildings team have been notified.

It seems that we have a lot of challenges ahead of us. Please pray for our leadership team as we meet and discuss the way ahead. We are trying to find a way to move us back into the church buildings whilst staying compliant with government regulations.

Through this difficult time we need to remember that we are actually meant to be having fun as Christians. Jesus came to give us life in abundance! We need to keep space for this. I'm looking forward to finding some ways to have fun and celebrate together. The youth and children's team are going to be getting together to think about how we can do this. And we have plans afoot for an outdoor advent extravaganza of some kind. Physically distanced around a campfire.

We can do this together. We need each other though. And we need to be willing to work together in a spirit of forgiveness and love.

During this period the Church of England have issued a book of prayers especially written for use during the coronavirus outbreak. This week we pray for the Christian community:

We are not people of fear: we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
We are people who protect our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed: we are people of generosity.
We are your people God, giving and loving,
Wherever we are, whatever it costs,
For as long as it takes, wherever you call us. Amen.

If you need someone to talk to call Rev'd Clare 01483 273604 Clare is holding her Rector's Open Surgery from 9.30-10.30 every Wednesday morning.



Praying to God for the needs of our Parish

To request prayer or join the group praying, simply call Liz Coleman on 01483 277 584 or email eofgparish@gmail.com

All prayer requests will be treated in confidence | Always get consent if prayer is for someone other than yourself

Notices

All are welcome to come to our open air service, 10.30 each Sunday throughout September in the Rectory garden. Please bring your own chair and umbrella. Please park in the Village Hall car park or the school car park. If you have mobility difficulties please contact Will Shepherd beforehand on 07941 248955.

The Church Electoral Roll is being revised. Please see the notice displayed at each of our churches. If you are already on the Roll and wish to remain, you need to take no action. If you wish to join the Roll or have your name removed, please email the Electoral Roll Officer on eofgparish@gmail.com or telephone 01483 277584 before Monday 28th September. Thank you.

Parish Harvest Collection for British Humanitarian Aid to Ukraine. We will be collecting items for this to be sent to children in Ukraine in time for Christmas. The "most wanted" things are **winter gloves, hats, scarves, stationary items, socks & underwear, toiletries, toys, sweets and biscuits.** The Wilson Room will be open for you to leave your items in labelled boxes on the following days in September;
Thursdays - 10th, 17th, 24th & 1st Oct 10am - 12 noon
Fridays - 11th, 18th, 25th & 2nd Oct 10am - 12 noon
Sundays - 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th 10am - 12 noon
You can also bring them to the Harvest Service on Sunday 4 October at Ewhurst at 10.30am, or Okewood 3pm. Contact 01483 275047 if you need to have donated items collected from your house.

The repair work to the West Porch at St Peter and St Paul will begin on Tues 8 September and will continue until Friday 18 (excluding Monday 14) For health and safety and Covid19 regulations, please avoid this part of the churchyard if possible. Any queries please ring 01483 277541.

Thinking ahead...Parish Christmas cards!

Please email suitable photos or your own designs which would look good on the front of a Christmas card. Send pictures as jpgs in landscape format to the Parish Office by **Thurs 17 Sept**. Profits from the card sales will go towards maintaining our three parish churches.

Monday morning prayers and admin meeting at 10am is held in St Peter and St Paul Ewhurst (bring a mask) and also still on Zoom for those unable to attend in person. All are welcome.
meeting id 835 787 679 password 053737

Everyone is welcome to attend the Wednesday coffee morning on Zoom 10.30 to 11.00am. The meeting id is 367 892 505 and the password is 028426.

New log in details! Sunday coffee at 11.30am.
Meeting id 84691661598 password 669021