



A 'THANK YOU' FROM JEANETTE GILL

THANK you to all those who have supported my Actionaid **Plant Stall** to date. The current total of sales is over £460, and I will continue to have more plants to sell.



In November 2020 I am (hopefully) going out to Cambodia, so I am raising money to help build much-needed classrooms at Put Tream school in Pursat, western Cambodia. The current classrooms are poorly constructed from wood and tin, meaning lessons are often cancelled- especially when there is heavy rain. By funding and building classrooms, the children will be given the chance to learn in a safe and productive environment.

All the money raised goes directly to the project as I fund myself. If you haven't been able to buy anything, but would like to make a donation, please go to [Justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com) and search for **Jeanette Gill**.

It will show as **First-hand Experience Cambodia 2020**. Unfortunately, because of the current lockdown I am unable to organise a big fundraiser event as in past years.



It would be great if, as a church, we can support Jeanette in this venture. Please donate if you can. Thank you, Paul.

CHURCHES – OPEN OR CLOSED?

FOLLOWING on from the Government's announcement that churches 'may' open for Private Prayer, a Task Group of the PCC has worked hard considering the wide range of Government and CofE Guidance and, carried out a Risk Assessment for the parish.

In considering whether to recommend opening or not to the PCC, it has also had to considered the potential need/interest/use of St Denys Church for private prayer, if opened, and balanced that against the practical need to have such opening times staffed by volunteers and, the various cleaning needs required.

The Task Group has also considered the CofE's community role in supporting the Government's overall aim of preventing a 'second wave'.

It has also had to take into account the Government's ongoing advice on going out for the over 70s, and those isolating, and the implications on possible numbers not

able to attend for private prayer, or be involved in cleaning buildings, or being stewards.

After much reflection and discussion, the following recommendation was unanimously made to the PCC this week:-

- a) All Saints, Goosey and St George, Hatford should **remain closed** to the public as it would not be possible to ensure social distancing in these chapels.
- b) St Denys Church to **remain closed** to the public, and **NOT** open for Private Prayer at this time, **BUT** that active preparations should continue to enable St Denys Church to open for public worship (*as soon as deemed possible by the Government - possibly in the Third Phase from July 4*), and that such services be **recorded** and **broadcast** to enable those self-isolating to be fully included, but
- c) Should churches not be allowed to open for Public Worship from July, the C-19 Task Group **would be happy to reconsider its view**, may revise its Risk Assessment, and **may** recommend limited opening times for Private Prayer (eg. for illustrative purposes only, Sundays, 10am-4pm), until the church can host public worship again
- d) For the same reasons as private prayer, the vicar will explain to families that our church buildings will not be open, at this stage, for funerals, but that Graveside Funerals or Cremation Funerals will continue to be offered. Once St Denys Church is open for public worship, the decision on funerals inside church will be reviewed.

Once further Government and CofE national guidance is available regarding Opening Churches for Public Worship, a further recommendation would follow (including details of one-way systems, seating, cleaning and stewarding etc),

The Recommendation was Unanimously agreed by the PCC (with one Abstention).

I have shared this recommendation in full as this news may be met with sadness by some, though we hope that you will understand this was based on serious consideration of all matters and, to enable us to focus on opening for worship which, we hope, may start in July.

THANK YOU 'MADHATTERS'

THANK you to Karin Williams-Cuss for her inspiration in this year's Stanford Festival 'At Home'.



So many people enjoyed dressing up, decorating their homes and for those in Horsecroft, reenacting the 'Grand National'!

READINGS & MESSAGE

THE Bible Readings for this Sunday are Romans 6: 1b-11 and Matthew 10: 24-39. I will upload some brief reflections on the Matthew reading to our church Facebook page and, on our YouTube page.

BIBLE READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Fri 19:

Psalm 31
Josh 24: 1-28
Luke 12:41-48

Sat 20:

Psalm 42
Josh 24:29-end
Luke 12: 49-end

Sun 21:

Psalm 69: 8-17
Romans 6: 1b-11
Matt 10: 24-39

Mon 22:

Psalm 44
Judg 2
Luke 13:1-9

Tue 23:

Psalm 48
Judg 4: 1-23
Luke 13: 10-21

Wed 24:

Psalm 50
Mal 3: 1-6
Luke 3:1-17

Thur 25:

Psalm 57
Judg 6:1-24
Luke 14: 1-11

With my love and prayers
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