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LOCKDOWN – PHASE 3

AS you may have heard from the Prime Minister, from July 4, places of worship may open again for services.

We are currently awaiting further detailed Guidance from the Government, National CofE, then any additional advice from Bishop Steven.

The PCC C-19 Task Group will then, shortly, consider all the various Guidance, carry out the Risk Assessment specified and recommend a way forward to the PCC.

Please bear with us and pray for us, as we try to ensure we offer services which are as safe as possible. It may well be we need to stage the re-opening, but please be assured every decision will solely be based on safety.

Nigel Archer chairs the C-19 Task Group. The other members are Sue Penman, Treasurer, Maz Galley (Pastoral Coordinator), Liz Ward (Safeguarding Officer), Steve Upton and myself. Any questions, do email vicar@stdenys.org, or wardens@stdenys.org

GP/HOSPITAL APPOINTMENT ANXIETY?

IN my regular chats with our local GP surgery partners, they are very keen to stress that they are open for business and REALLY want to see people who would normally want to seek help from the surgery.

They are very conscious that patients are anxious about attending the surgery or, a hospital, but they stress that both have very strict health and hygiene measures in place and, they would be very happy to talk about any concerns with you over the phone if you are putting off going to the surgery or going to hospital.

In a recent Church Zoom Coffee morning, a church member spoke enthusiastically about their recent attendance at the John Radcliffe. Although apprehensive, they said that on arrival, they were very reassured how few people were there, especially as you are not encouraged to bring anyone inside the hospital with you, unless vital. And in the actual clinic waiting rooms, there were very few in there, and the rooms were well ventilated, no doors to open/close and everyone was wearing masks etc.

Our local GPs really want to encourage patients with a need to ideally use the EngageConsult online facility, which is actually very easy to use and only takes about 4 minutes, but if not, you can phone through and explain you cant use it online but would still like a GP to call back.

Personally, I went for my regular injection last month and because of the way they time appointments, I was the ONLY person in the left hand side of the building, the rooms smelt highly of cleaning materials, the nurse was gowned and masked, there was a one way in, one way out route, and it was all highly organised and professional.

I know from my telephone calls to older church members that they are anxious about accessing medical or nursing help at this time, but after my latest chat with the surgery, they asked me to stress how important it was that people do not put off an appointment or consultation if they feel they need it. I hope this brief summary will bring some comfort and confidence.

CAN YOU JOIN NESS' KNITTING SQUAD?



NESS Baker is looking for volunteers to help with a **Stanford in the Vale Face Mask Tree.**

As part of the 'Big Community Sew' (<https://www.bigcommunitysew.co.uk/>) and UKcraftersoxon, there are plans to locate a Face Mask Tree in Stanford in the Vale, where masks will be

available for a voluntary contribution of £2 which will go towards Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

Vulnerable villagers will be offered a made to order service if unable to collect and are to visit Hospital or GP.

Urgent Help is needed by either:

- Helping to sew masks using material and instructions provided
- Cut out mask pieces from material provided for others to sew
- Donating good quality, clean cotton or polycotton fabric, sheets, pillow cases, duvet covers or T-shirts.

If you can help please contact one of the coordinators Cathy Lines cathyline@btinternet.com or Ness Baker johnnessbaker@btinternet.com

FAVOURITE BIBLE VERSES

IN our St Denys Zoom coffee morning this week, we shared our favourite Bible verses, and what they meant to us. Below is a summary of those shared

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”. John 3:16 **John Travis**

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you eat or drink, or about your body, what you wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more than clothes? Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough troubles of its own.” Matthew 6: 25 & 34 **Gwynn Travis**

“Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you.” Matthew 7:7 **John and Gwyn Travis**

“I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13 **Paul Eddy**

“Jesus said to them; when you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive everyone his sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.” Luke 11:2-4 **Jean Dudley and Christine Stickleby**

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and his mighty power.” Ephesians 6:10 **Jean Dudley**

“Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord himself is my strength and my defence; he has become my salvation.” Isaiah 12:2 **Clemency Fox**

“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:20 **Judy Shippobotham**

“The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.” Psalm 23 **Nick Shippobotham**

“I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit. Apart from me, you can do nothing.” John 15. 5 **Janet Warren**

SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

MY Reflections on the Romans 6: 12-end reading will be up-loaded to our Facebook and YouTube pages for Sunday.

BIBLE READINGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Fri 26:

Psalm 51
Judges 6:25-end
Luke 14: 12-24

Sat 27:

Psalm 68
Judges 7
Luke 14: 25-end

Sun 28:

Psalm 89: 1-18
Rom 6: 12-end
Matt 10: 40-end

Mon 29:

Psalm 71
Isaiah 49: 1-6
John 21: 15-22

Tue 30:

Psalm 73
Judges 9: 1-21
Luke 15: 11-end

Wed 1 JULY:

Psalm 77
Judges 9: 22-end
Luke 16: 1-18

Thur 2:

Psalm 78: 1-39
Judges 11: 1-11
Luke 16: 19-end

With my love and prayers
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