

St Columba Newsletter 28 March 2021

News from Collingtree Church

Hello Everyone,

This email contains important information about the way forward as we come out of lockdown, so please read carefully!

I hope this Newsletter finds you in good form and ready for the new freedom that we shall all begin to feel as restrictions gradually ease. In order that we stand a chance, please remember to **Spring Forward** your clocks one hour tonight!

Easter Service

I am pleased to announce that we shall be holding a service of Holy Communion on Easter Day with all the usual restrictions in place; social distancing, face masks and, track and trace to name a few. I regret that we are still unable to sing and this restriction is likely to stay in place for some time. This is due to the risk posed by air-borne particles. I know that most of us have had the vaccine and it is tempting to throw caution to the wind. Please don't! If I am unable to reassure those who visit to take services, you may not get one. You have been warned! That's enough of the lecture.

Website

I am pleased that we have a new website, I am aware that I already need to update it to reflect the content of this newsletter! My thanks to Paul Cooper and Tony Allen for their tremendous effort in getting this up and running for us.

Why not take a few minutes to have a look at it;

<https://www.stcolumbacollingtree.org.uk>

Zoom Services

This Sunday will be our last zoom service. The details are here;

JAMES HOWSON is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: JAMES HOWSON's Zoom Meeting

Time: Mar 28, 2021 10:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6391364558?pwd=Kzl0T1lRVFYvUnYvQ1pOTjFxd1V1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 639 136 4558

Passcode: Tree20

From this Sunday onwards, for the foreseeable future, there will be a recorded service on line for those who are unable to attend Sunday services. This will follow a similar pattern to the service in Church with a few exceptions like Holy Communion for example. This will be available from 10am on a Sunday. Simply click the link below and join us!

<https://vimeo.com/529406477/17fa942859>

Hopefully this will be more accessible for those who struggle with the zoom format.

Whether you are at the service online or watching on vimeo, you will find the service sheet useful to download and this is in the *email as an attachment*.

Bereavement Course

Simon and Denise Bridgens are holding a bereavement course for anyone who has been bereaved and would benefit from some support. Simon is a Reader at St Giles who has taken services for us in Church and online. To find out more press on this link;

<https://www.stcolumbacollingtree.org.uk/occasional-pages/2021-bereavement-course>

I appreciate this is a lot to take in and I encourage you to mark up this email so you can refer to it in the future. It will all become clearer with time.

May I wish you a very Happy Easter and I look forward to seeing many of you in Church on Easter Day. If you are planning to come and we haven't seen you since the start of the pandemic, can you let me know that you are coming, as we are restricted by numbers and, of course, *don't forget your face mask*.

I trust this will be a new and exciting beginning for St Columba Church.

James.