

St Matthew's Weekly Newsletter

19 July 2020 - Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Headlines: same service schedule as last 2 weeks

- **Daily Phone-Ins continue**

still our main way of praying together in numbers

Sunday 10.30am (followed by Sunday School at 11.45)

Tuesday – Friday 8pm (but not Mon. or Sat.)

(see attachment for how to join – it's simple!)

Coming to church

Public worship, in the form of simple said Eucharists, resumed 2 weeks ago.

Please consider if this is OK for you

– those with any health issues should still be staying away from others

Some very committed members will feel the time is not right for them

Sunday 4pm

Tuesday 9.30am (+ individual prayer 10-11)

Wednesday 10.30am(+ individual prayer 9.30-10.30)

Thursday 6.30pm (+ individual. prayer 9-11, & 7-7.30)

Friday 12noon (+ individual prayer 9.30-11)

Last week attendance varied from 2 to 8.

So there's plenty of room for social distancing.

Social Distancing Guidelines

- **Please come to ONE of the five Masses – so we don't all come at once**
- **2m social distancing to be maintained at all times**
- **Masks not obligatory – up to you**
- **Use hand gel on arrival & departure, & before Communion**
- **Sit only on marked benches (couples/households can sit together)**
- **If children come they must sit with carers for the whole service**
- **No singing, no raised voices – silence in church is best**
- **No collection plate to be passed round (offertory bucket at the back) or a link to the On-line Giving App will be provided**
- **Approach one by one for Communion, standing (not using rails)**
- **Communion will be in one kind (wafer) only**
- **Chat after service outside (still keeping 2m apart)**
- **Very Limited Toilet facilities will be available**
- **Worship with joy in our hearts and pray for those who can't come**

- **Individual Prayer in church**

Opening times will remain as for the last three weeks. Some of the above services are during the opening times but there will still be access and the church will be open the rest of the time for prayer.

- **Remember online giving!** And many thanks to those who have continued giving and made special donations. If you are able to join the Parish Giving Scheme (direct debit) this is the easiest way to ensure you support St Matthew's in a regular way. Details on the attachment.

Every day we are continuing to hold Phone-in Services. It helpful (but not essential) to those participating in these services to have a copy of the Service sheet, so these are on the website.

The established pattern will continue:

Brief Daily Evening Prayers:

Tue. – Fri. at 8pm

(No services on Monday evening or Saturday morning)

Sun: Sunday Service at 10.30am

Every Sunday, Phone-In Sunday School at 11.45. Same tel. no. and code (below). You can dial in from 11.35. *For safeguarding reasons, we can only allow children to participate under parental supervision, and only when the parents and children have identified themselves. It will not be possible to enter the call late (the other phone-ins can be entered at any time).* The plan is for a 15-minute session with a story, chat, prayer, and suggested follow-up activity. We hope as many as possible of our Sunday School children will be able to join us.

Please join in good time for the services* - the facilities will be available for 15 minutes before the service starts**

ring 0333 011 0616,

and then when it asks for the code enter 1499 488#

(the voice asks for a pound sign but it means #)

and you will then be connected to the group

***** PS** We enjoy having a little welcome chit-chat before and after the services, but sometimes the “echo” effect on the line can be irritating, when more than

one or two are speaking. If you find the chit-chat and the echo a problem, you can avoid them by phoning in as close to the start time as possible, and hanging up when the service finishes. There's no obligation to speak – though it's nice to know who's there and greet one another.

If you want to read the full Church of England guidance for services, it's at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

Sunday School In addition to the Phone-In (above) we are continuing to prepare activity sheets for children, which again are available from the web site, or can be collected from Janet's porch. We love seeing the children's work! Take a photo and e-mail it to Janet at the Sunday school e'mail below. Those we have received so far can be seen on the Website.

For those without computer access, we have produced another "prayer at home" resource this week, which has been delivered/ posted out.

On-Line Giving

During these difficult times the Church is sustained by the Parish Giving Scheme (the direct debit scheme, and we thank all those who have maintained their regular giving in this way! **If you are interested in joining, please contact Ann in the office on 0121 360 6964 – leave a message and Ann will call you), but for those who aren't able to benefit from this scheme, we have set up an on-line giving facility to allow you to donate by Credit or Debit Card. The service is easy to use, and allows either suggested donation amounts, or you can specify your preferred amount. You can also add a few details to allow us to claim an extra 25% gift aid. If you are able to use this via a credit card you may need your Securecode to authorise the transaction. Click [here](#) to donate.**

Initially this service will be used for general parish purposes (sustaining the ministry of our Parish), but as we gain in experience of using it, it may be extended to support some of our other charitable work.

These arrangements will be kept under constant review, so we can deal with any hitches (health and safety is the top priority) and respond to demand. Questions and comments always welcome.

www.stmatthewsperrybeches.org.uk The **website** is updated every day with a different video prayer or hymn, which is also published every morning on Facebook.

We are putting a lot of effort into ensuring that we are maintaining **communication** with everyone in the congregation, or associated with the Church in any way. If you know someone who would like to be included in our family contact us via any of the links below.

The prayer list is below, to add anyone to the prayer list contact the vicar or notify the church via e'mail at the prayer address below.

ST. MATTHEW'S PRAYER LIST

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick and Those in Need:

- MON** Joan Farr, Pat Evans, June Ramsay, Marion and Chelsea Townsend, Ruby Matthews, Shirley Woodley, Robert Taylor, Linda Hope
- TUE** Dorothy Lawrence, Janet Jarrett, Samantha Clarkson, Karen Smith, Hettie Kerr, Tony Pickard, Dai & Lal Gravell, Doreen Coles, Stella & Nigel
- WED** Ann Ryan, Beryl Murray, Andrew & Gail, Pam & Bill, Emily Sharp, Paul Bardsley, Terry Baxter, Barbara Linley, Colin, Judith, Brenda Dunn
- THR** Martin & Marilyn Wall, Sarah Hollender, Charlie Rooke, Susan Davies, Corinna Nichols, David & Anne Gadd, Evelyn Fulford
- FRI** Robert Dunbar, Janet Coleman, Emma Hollis, John & Barbara Boot, Peter and Gwen Smart, Jacqueline & Peter Roberts, Adrian Roberts, Julie Hope
- SAT** Peter Conabeer, Natasha Ridgeway, Adrian & Jayne Middleton, Tracy Weir, Mark Smith, Gina Yates, Vera Lines, Narindra Singh, Liz Hinett, Inis Ridgeway

The Departed

Betty Draper, Margaret Turner, Keith Luie,
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