

Following the Government announcement that life may return to normality, with some restrictions, and with caution, from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, we have met to discuss how the relaxations should take place at St George's Church.

Unless we hear otherwise, from next **Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> July**, we will carefully start to relax the regulations and we look for your support in the following:

When entering and leaving the church **Hand Sanitiser** will continue to be available and we urge all to continue wearing **Face Masks** wherever possible.

**Track & Trace** recording will remain; this information is kept in a secure place for three weeks and then shredded. The NHS Test & Trace QR Code will still be available in the main porch.

**Seating** - We will bring seats closer together by 1 metre, currently at 2 metres apart.

**The Sign of Peace** - we invite worshippers to verbally offer a sign of peace to their immediate neighbour(s) whilst standing by their seat. We await guidance from the Church of England regarding the shaking of hands.

**Receiving of the Elements** - We also await guidance before we consider the administering of the wine. For the time being the Minister will continue to take the Host to individuals at their seats.

**Hymn Singing** - we will re-introduce hymn singing for those who wish to sing, but please, only if wearing a face mask. We await guidance from the CofE and/or the Royal School of Church Music before singing without a mask.

**Refreshments after Mass** - As the waitress service has proved to be popular, we propose to continue in this way for the time being. Anyone wishing to join our team of volunteers who provide this service, please have a word with one of the churchwardens.

We thank you for your support in showing consideration towards others at St George's.

**Geraldine & Jill, Churchwardens, and Sue H E, Director of Music.**

### **St George's Summer Fair is to be opened by the Chichester Town Crier**

**Next Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July 10am - 2pm.**

Cream teas will be available. If you can provide scones, please speak to Sue Bainbridge. Also, we need homemade cakes and biscuits for the cake stall. Please let Jill know if you can make a cake and also provide a list of ingredients.

There are children's competitions for the best decorated scooter and the best homemade mask.

Prizes are to be won, to be judged at 12 noon.

Thank you to everyone who has taken a plastic cup to fill for the kid's tombola. Please can we have them by Friday afternoon.

The Fishbourne Mill Morris Dancers will be performing at **approx 1pm**.

The weather is due to be good so please come and bring your family, friends and neighbours. There will be food, fun and games and lots of stalls. Stay, chat and enjoy the occasion. From this Sunday we will be selling the raffle tickets. The first prize being a pair of Goodwood Revival tickets and the second prize a pair of Goodwood horse racing tickets. Plus, other wonderful prizes. **SO DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR TICKETS.**

If you are able to help on the day or require further details, please speak to Jill Merry on 528795 or by email [merryjill@btinternet.com](mailto:merryjill@btinternet.com)

**Please note – The carpark will be closed from 4pm Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> - 4pm Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>.**



St George's Flower team is meeting to make summer table decorations on Friday 23rd July at 2.00 in the Centre.

These will be on sale at the Summer Fair to buy for a present or just to treat yourself!

### **The Archdeacon's Visitation and Swearing-in of Churchwardens - Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July @ 3pm**

is an annual event when churchwardens from across the Diocese are sworn in as representatives of the Bishop. For many years this important occasion has taken place at St George's and Archdeacon Luke has requested that wardens, their incumbents and family supporters attend St George's again. The occasion is formal in that the Chancellor for the Diocese, a lawyer, attends to read out the wardens' responsibilities followed by the Archdeacon accepting individually, the wardens' sworn declaration that they will faithfully and diligently perform the duties of the churchwarden.

It has always been our custom at St George's to welcome everyone by providing a tea afterwards in the Centre. This year, at the last count, there are 84 booked to attend, many having travelled many miles and we would like to maintain our reputation of hospitality by providing finger bite food, sandwiches, cakes, sausage rolls, etc., along with a welcoming cup of tea.

If you feel able to donate a plate, or maybe two, of food as mentioned above it would be gratefully received. Also, it would be appreciated if you could indicate the type of food you are willing to provide on the form provided at the back of church. The main church door will be open on the day from **1pm** to receive donations. Thank you in advance. If you would like to discuss, please speak to either Jill, Geraldine or Mavis.



### **BABYSITTER**

**Are you looking for a babysitter?** Molly Howick (who many of you will know from the church choir) would be very happy to help. Molly is 15 (nearly 16), trustworthy and absolutely loves children. Fees will be very reasonable. Please contact her Mum, Mary Howick (07950 299276) in the first instance.

The church continues to be open for private prayer and reflection on **Wednesdays** from **10am-4.00pm**, this is for individuals, or support bubbles, entering the church to sit or pray on their own.

*Please join us as we come back together as a community once again to worship: to sing, to pause, to remember those who have died, to give thanks for our deliverance, and simply to be together as friends once more. It would also be a delight to welcome new people - so please, do bring along your neighbours, friends and family. How wonderful it is to be able to say with no caveats: the more the merrier!*

**Items for future Newsletters** We welcome contributions and if there is an item, or two, that you would like to share with us please forward to the editors.

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