

As a reminder - from today, Sunday 25th July we will commence to relax some Covid regulations as recently announced by the Government but we will move with caution and 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 approx. 1 metre, currently at 2 metres apart. This situation will be reviewed and if it is thought not acceptable, may be changed.

The Sign of Peace - we invite worshippers to verbally offer a sign of peace to their immediate neighbour(s) whilst standing by their seat. Please do not move towards neighbours. 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.

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.

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

A Reminder -

Vintage Teas in the Garden

At Tre-whyke, 152 Whyke Road

Sunday 1st August

(Head towards the A27, go across the railway line & it's the 3rd property on the right)

You are welcome to park in the church car-park

Please come along between 2.30pm and 4.30pm

Donations (cash or cheques please) in aid of Church Funds

The Archdeacon's Visitation and Swearing-in of Churchwardens

Saturday 31st July @ 3pm

This 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.

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.

The Summer Fair

Jill would like to thank everyone who supported the Summer Fair yesterday, 25th, whether volunteering on the stalls or attending and joining in the fun. A full report will be in next week's Newsletter.

A Prayer

Lord, we remember all who have wandered from the truth,
All who have lost their way in life, all who have fallen into trouble.
We pray for the lonely and the friendless.
Lord, we pray for all who cannot cope on their own,
For all who are housebound, and for the chronically ill.
We pray for paramedics, district nurses, home helps, for all rescue workers.
Lord, be merciful to us. **Amen.**

A LATE ITEM from Sue.....

Richard McVeigh is a former Organ Scholar at York Minster and Assistant Organist at Winchester Cathedral, among other appointments he is now an organist at Arundel Cathedral. Richard has a YouTube channel, **Beauty In Sound**, with almost 70,000 subscribers. He recently visited St George's and recorded a dozen hymns and a couple of other pieces which you will be able to hear in a 'Virtual Church' presentation on the internet this Sunday evening, 25th July.

If you subscribe [free] you can hear it live streamed at 6.00pm, or you can wait and go to You Tube an hour or so later and listen and watch at any time.

The hope is that he will return and record a live recital.

Here is the link to the programme. https://youtu.be/_ZM283AbBFM

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