



NEWSLETTER

April 24th 2020

A recent message in New Daylight referred to a passage in Ezekiel 11 about the people of Israel in exile: "In our times of exile, when we are led into a strange and unfamiliar land, where we must navigate through new landscapes, we can remember God's presence and find sanctuary there. We can hold on to the promise that it is in Christ that we will find the new Jerusalem and that we have already entered our promised land."

Very apt in our current struggle.

SOME FAMILIAR THINGS ARE HAPPENING

We are finding our way. Meetings are being held, albeit on a virtual basis. The PCC met for an update on 15th April by Zoom, minutes having been issued by email as normal. We will meet again on Wednesday 13th May. The Pastoral Care and Children, Youth and Schools groups have also both met by Zoom, in the last week. Likewise, the West Windsor Hub and some members of All Saints' PCC have met by Zoom to review activities. (*'I'm gonna zoom around the room and praise the Lord...'* comes to mind!)

Let Andrew Giles know if you would like any matters to be raised in these regular groups. Contact details below.

PASTORAL CARE AND COMMUNITY ZONE

We held a zoom meeting on Monday 20th April to discuss how everyone in the church flock is coping. We identified that many are coping well, but that a few are not and need special attention. We will invite all the Zone Champions to join our next Zoom meeting on Monday, May 4th to report their news. By then, every church member should have been contacted at least once.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

God and Play online sessions for pre-school children are being hosted by Ruth Norris and Michelle Sturgeon. Look on the website <https://allsaintschurchededworth.com/church-life/gap-god-and-play/>

These videos, the result of hard work and prayer can really help you entertain your young children as much as their favourite TV show!

Michelle Sturgeon has set up a **WhatsApp group for 10-16-year olds** at the church. If you have a son or daughter who would like to join, please let Andrew or Michelle know.

Michelle and Carolyn held another **Youth Group Zoom session** last Sunday which was great! Thanks to Michelle and Carolyn for their time and energy in setting up and running these sessions.

PRAYER HUB

As well as organising the prayer rota for Sunday Services, Barbara and Colin have collected all your prayers. This includes prayers for others to share, as well as private prayers for yourself, family, or friends, which Barbara and Colin will keep confidential. The Prayer Warriors group will meet on Monday for focused prayer for every situation and person that confidentiality allows. Please do not suffer in silence! Give Barbara your prayer requests by phone, text, or email. (Contact details below)

SUNDAY SERVICES: Streaming every Sunday at 9:45 am

Tea and coffee after Sunday Services by Zoom: 10:45am starting on Sunday 27th April



Do you miss chatting with your church family after the service? If so, please bring your tea and coffee to our virtual chat by Zoom, straight after our Sunday morning service. No prizes for those with the best biscuits! Can't wait to see you there 😊

How to chat.

Logon to www.zoom.com. Click the "Join a meeting" link at the top of the page.

The Zoom meeting room details are as follows:

Start time: 10:45

Meeting ID: 865 8359 6990

Password: 367287

A live link to click on will be included in the email sent with this newsletter and it will also appear on Facebook and WhatsApp on Saturday and Sunday.



New Singing Group Launched

As well as producing our streamed services, administrating the website and enabling other internet-based communications, John Sturgeon is setting up a *new* Singing Group for everyone to sing for worship together. Contact John at john@sturg.co.uk about recording in your own home to take part in a joyous song for God!



Family News

Following the great act of celebration last week, Michelle Sturgeon is looking forward to receiving more good news from you, from old and young alike, to share and brighten up our Sunday services. Please speak to her to give her further details. Call or text Michelle on 07834 377312

NEW BIBLE STUDY BY ZOOM

We are planning to hold bible studies in future weeks by Zoom. Jacki Thomas will be leading the group. Jacki and her husband, Mike, are our Licensed Lay Ministers. A trial will take place next week and our first public session will be on Tuesday, 5th May, in the evening. Sessions will be held fortnightly. More details will follow in next week's newsletter.

WEST WINDSOR HUB



The Hub is going from strength to strength and beginning to settle down. It is taking 60 up to 100 calls a day and referrals are continuing. The Community Wardens are checking on people identified by the government 'shielded' list and ringing us direct if they detect problems or, they refer individuals to us. So are doctors, paramedics and other agencies.

We have an average of one call a day about free food parcels

The WW Hub is working with other organisations, we are all sharing the food donations with each other - sending it where it's needed:

- Foodshare: Foodshare have increased their support from 50 to 75 families.
- Driven Forward: Driven Forward is supporting 12 homeless people who have been accommodated in shelters.

Local organisations have stepped forward to give valuable support. Many local retail outlets display the Hub poster to help spread the word. The two Hub shoppers, Carolyn Carter and Jackie Holton, are getting sterling support from Tesco, who fast track them to the front of the queue to enter and to check out. Legoland gave a huge amount of food at the start, when funds were low and are still providing help.

But, WW Hub still needs your food donations, they are always put to good use!

The number of community volunteers has climbed to 61. Some can only help occasionally, but there is now have a great network. This includes amazing people like Adam and Vic. Adam, who does a lot of our church general repairs, will help fix things for isolated people in the community. Vic, who does our church plumbing repairs, will help people sort out plumbing problems. We have other specialists, too, including legal specialists, who will help people with problems.

The Hub continues to look for more funding. The funding site on the All Saints website now stands at just under £2,000 and applications are being made for more grants, including from the Police Property Fund, Shanley Housing and Berkshire Community Foundation. The latter is a joint bid with All Saints Dedworth. We will keep you posted.

Ring WWH on 01753 342110 if you need help for yourself or for neighbours or friends, whether this be food, medication, advice, or a friendly chat. (And ring if you want to volunteer or give food or money! 😊)

KEEPING IN CONTACT – A SUMMARY

WHAT WE ARE OFFERING TO OUR CONGREGATION		
Non-internet communications for the whole congregation	Additional internet-based communications and meetings	Provision for Children and Young People and Families
West Windsor Hub	<u>Streamed Sunday Services,</u>	<u>God and Play</u> videos and songs every Monday
Weekly Newsletters	Church WhatsApp Group	GAP WhatsApp Group
Community Zones and Champions	<u>Tea and Coffee Zoom</u> chat after Sunday services	Youth WhatsApp group
<u>Dial a service:</u> -Message of the Week -Last week's service from a landline or mobile	<u>Bible Studies</u> <i>Fortnightly from Tuesday (TBA)</i>	<u>Youth Zoom meeting</u> every Sunday evening
Teleconference service 9:45am on Wednesdays	<u>Regular Meetings:</u> *Pastoral Care Group, fortnightly *Children's and Youth Group, monthly *PCC meetings, monthly	<i>Online activities for Sunday School. (TBA)</i>
Prayer Hub		

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