



Luke 11:28 "Blessed.. are those who hear the word of the Lord and obey it". God can speak to us through the words of a friend or a stranger but also through the bible, a book or a new situation, such as as we find ourselves in today. We need to be alert to any signs of help, comfort or encouragement from God while recognising that at times God will choose us to be his mouthpiece for someone else.

22nd. May 2020

REMINDER – SUNDAY SERVICE THIS WEEK IS DIFFERENT



May 24th 9:55am–10:45am SOMETHING DIFFERENT: A SERVICE BY ZOOM.

John and Michelle Sturgeon are having a week off. Instead, a service by Zoom will be led by Sue Morgan, Carolyn Carter and Sarah Bissell, with help from Jacki Thomas and Colin and Barbara Carter. This service will feature live music, interactive prayer, teaching and worship. You will be able to access the service using the details below on your smart phone, i-pad or computer. Our "Tea and Coffee" Zoom chat will follow the service at 10:45am. Streamed YouTube services will resume on Sunday 31st May.

www.zoom.com.

Meeting ID: 865 8359 6990 Password: 367287

Or click on the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86583596990?pwd=OHkyRHR5LytTTDZtRzFnNINoVlhLdz09>



JOIN OUR ZOOM SUNDAY SERVICE BY TELEPHONE

Use this number **0203 481 5237 (UK)**

It will cost the same as a standard 0203 landline number.

When prompted put in the meeting ID: 865 8359 6990

Ignore the participant ID. Put in # and you will be able to listen in.



CHURCH OF ENGLAND FOLLOW ALL SAINTS DEDWORTH

The Church of England now have a dial-in worship line that they launched after ours but has the advantages that it is accessed by a *freephone* number and is updated daily. The number is 0800 804 8044

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/news/archbishop-canterbury-launches-free-dial-worship-phone-line-during>

All Saints Dedworth Dial a Service: This is available anytime by phoning 01753 944466 + Option 1 (short reflection) or Option 2 (last week's service)



NEXT BIBLE STUDY BY ZOOM

Our next Bible Study will be held on **Tuesday, 26th May 7:30pm - 8:30pm led by Jacki Thomas**. Between Ascension and Pentecost, the disciples waited. It was a time of uncertainty, like being in an alien land or living in limbo. We too live in uncertain times and we wait to move on from lockdown. We shall explore various bible passages that may guide and help us. Contact Andrew for more details.



Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83108655692>

Meeting ID: 831 0865 5692. No password required.

LATEST NEWS ON OUR VICAR In March, the PCC met the Parish Development Advisor, Rhodri Bowen to discuss a draft parish profile that will form part of our advertisement for a new vicar for All Saints' Church, Dedworth. We set a date for Rhodri to lead a special activity day for our whole congregation to come together to discern what Sadly, this event had to be Hopefully, it can be rearranged in meeting, we had a long Sunday services and other church is offering during the Covid with people new to our congregation, who online services. As a result, the PCC are now Zoom to discuss how best to incorporate and when the formal recruitment process can be restarted.



we were looking for in a new vicar. cancelled due to the Covid crisis. the Autumn. At the May PCC discussion about our online activities and events that our lockdown. We focused on ways to engage are now watching and joining in with our planning to meet Rhodri in early June by our lockdown activities in the parish profile

PASTORAL CARE AND PRAYER HUB We held another Pastoral Care group meeting on Monday and identified a few more people from our flock needing extra help. The list of prayers for the Prayer Hub is getting longer and longer as more and more people are suffering during the lockdown with the Coronavirus and other problems. Please keep sending your prayer requests to Barbara Carter

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH - Reminder

Activities for Younger Children – God and Play (GAP) @ Home

Online video activity! Every Monday a new session is published on the church website under: <https://allsaintschurchededworth.com/church-life/gap-god-and-play/> Last week's session with Ruth was entitled, "Helper from Heaven". It is about what happened when the Holy Spirit came. There is also a zoom online meeting on Mondays at 11:00am and a GAP What's app group

Activities for 5-9-year olds.

Look for the latest activities in the Sunday School link on our website.

<https://allsaintschurchededworth.com/church-life/sunday-school/>

Activities for 9-10-year olds: Michelle and Matthew are holding a weekly Zoom group at 4:00 pm on Mondays.

Activities for 11-16-year olds: This Sunday Zoom group meets at 7:00 pm and is led by Michelle and Carolyn.

A Message from Sue Morgan at Ascensiontide.



Here we are on the cusp of a world-shattering event – Jesus has been crucified, his disciples and all his early followers are devastated by the loss of their Lord and Master, their friend. On the third day they go to tend to his body, but his tomb is empty, his body gone. Bit by bit they come to understand that He HAS risen from the dead!

Just as Jesus was in the wilderness for forty days of preparation before he started his ministry on earth, we see that forty days is now the allotted time for his disciples and followers to become accustomed to what is happening and to be reassured by him before he finally ascends into heaven to be seated at the right hand of his Father for evermore.



Ascension, Painted by John Singleton Copley (1738-1815), Painted in 1775, Oil on canvas © Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

But what will happen next? They do not know. But they have been told to WAIT. So, WAIT they must. But WAIT for WHAT? And for HOW LONG?

The GOOD NEWS (for that is what the word GOSPEL means) is about to spread like a wildfire across the world. But first look at our reading in Acts 1 v 1 – 11, particularly v5: *“For John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”* Remember that the disciples did not really know what to expect... but they were about to find out!

Over the last year, some of us did an in-depth study of the Beatitudes (the *“Blessed are the.....”* sayings of Jesus) in Matthew’s Gospel, and from there we have moved on to Luke. In Luke’s Gospel we see Jesus at work in the community in which he lived with his disciples, just ordinary people like you and me, being trained in God’s ways while Jesus was still with them. Then, after his crucifixion, there was a period of confusion and dismay as they were plunged into a dark period of unexpected loss (a bit like us in the current lockdown) until they re-emerge in the book called, *“The Acts of the Apostles”* in the Bible, also written by Luke, a kind of sequel to his Gospel.

Jesus had told them before he left them, *“Do not leave Jerusalem but await the promise of the Father, which you have heard me talking about. For John baptised with water, while you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”*

And this is the point at which we are now, as we wait on him. We are waiting for his Spirit to fall on us to empower us to work in our community, where we live.

Will you join with us in this exciting, but possibly scary adventure?



GRASS CUTTING VOLUNTEERS

The All Saints' grass cutting team of young(ish) men is meeting this Saturday. Ian (Helen Rapacioli's husband) has done a remarkable job in taming the "African Jungle" at the back of the Vicarage in Pierson Road with a number 2 haircut!

NEWSLETTER FREQUENCY



This newsletter originated as a response to the social isolation of the Covid lockdown. It is designed primarily to keep everyone in touch and let everyone know what is going on in these strange and uncertain times. However, we are now settling into a "new normal" and at some point, the newsletter will be published **fortnightly**, rather than weekly. Please do not worry if you do not receive a copy of the newsletter every week. Rest assured, if anything urgent or important happens, such as when the church reopens and face to face services and other activities restart, we will publish the news to keep you informed.



COLLECTION TIME

"Hear the pennies dropping. Listen as they fall. Everyone for Jesus. He shall have them all."

Many thanks to all who have donated to the church in recent weeks. The financial situation of our church is challenging, but we are working hard to improve it. To donate to all the good work the church is doing, please use one of the methods below.

1. Our preferred method for one off donation is via **our JustGiving page**.

Visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/allsaintsdedworth>

2. Or you can make **a transfer from your bank account**.

Our Bank Details are: Metro Bank

A/c name: **All Saints Dedworth**

Sort code: **23-05-80**

Account number: **34016674**

3. Regular giving is best made through **the Parish Giving Scheme**.

Details are on the church website.

<https://allsaintschurchdedworth.com/about-all-saints/parish-giving-scheme/>



Peter Norris, Treasurer All Saints, Phone 01753-869787

WEST WINDSOR HUB



We are getting used to our new online system, freeing up more time to focus on the surprisingly complex task of ensuring that the right food is purchased and delivered to the right person at the right time! Our volunteers do still need your prayers as they serve the community in this hour of need.

Demand for free food parcels continues to run at high levels. We are contacting those people we have not heard from for a while to check that all is well with them. One or two are getting food from other sources and did not realise we could help top them up. Another family thought that they could only have a food parcel once and were surprised and delighted to find that they could continue to have them regularly, while they were in need.

We have been amazed at people's generosity with food donations and we recently received the very kind donation of a beautiful bike which we have now sold, raising £350.00.

Our volunteer list is steadily growing and our relationships with the other local community support teams are excellent. We have put some of our volunteers in contact with 'Driven Forward' to do some cooking, deliveries and collections of food for the homeless. We are also liaising with Old Windsor Hub which is run by a group of people who have learnt from their experience during episodes of flooding in the area. We are providing them with occasional additional food supplies.

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

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