

NEWSLETTER

12<sup>th</sup> June 2020

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Luke 2 51-52"Jesus went down with his parents and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them...And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour." This is the only clue about Jesus' life before the age of 30 when he began his ministry – which lasted 3 years. So we gather that for most of his life Jesus lived in the ordinary way of those times. He worked; He supported His family; He loved His God. Not only did He grow physically, He also became a bigger person. He grew into a closer relationship with God and in His human friendships and relationships, before He was called to His ministry.

For most of us there will only be very short periods or may be only one, when God will call us out of our regular existence to play a big, significant part in His service. At these times we need to spring into action and follow His lead with all our strength and energy. For the remainder of our time, we should expect to live ordinary lives, doing ordinary things like commuting to work, bringing up children and grandchildren, caring for the elderly without expecting fame or drama - like Jesus in his earlier years. By keeping faith and showing Christian love to those around us, our insignificance at so many stages in our life will still be a time of great service to God.

# **OPENING OUR CHURCH – LATEST NEWS**

Our country is gradually coming out of the Covid lockdown. Our Government is gradually lifting restrictions. Churches must remain closed for communal worship until July, at least, but on June 15th will be *allowed* to open their buildings for private, individual prayer. The PCC have prayed and debated long and hard considering the geography of our church, the continuing risk of Covid virus contagion and the elaborate precautions that would need to be put in place to minimise risks. We have reluctantly decided to err on the side of caution and delay opening the building of the church for a few more weeks until the course of the pandemic becomes clearer. We realise that some of the congregation will be disappointed, feeling in need of experiencing the sanctity of prayer in church, before the altar. We encourage them to be patient and take advantage of the opportunities for prayer outdoors in our church garden.

# COMMUNITY PRAYERS IN THE GARDEN AT ALL SAINTS' DEDWORTH



Sue Morgan, one of our church wardens, is holding sessions of prayer in the Memorial Gardens, twice a day at 9:30am and 5:00pm. These prayer sessions take place whatever the weather! Sue has a small but growing number of supporters and would welcome you to join her. Sue prays for each zone of West Windsor in turn and for God's love to pour out on each zone within our community and the people in it.

The Rosemary bush near the front entrance of the church building is being used as a prayer tree. Attach your prayer requests to the tree and we will pray for you. Paper leaves and pencils are provided on site *or* if

you are more cautious and prefer, please write your prayers at home and bring them to attach to the tree *or TEXT* your prayers to Sue Morgan (See Contacts Page).

## **YOUR FAVOURITE PRAYERS**

Would you like to read your favourite, short prayer during one of our Sunday Services? If you have a prayer that particularly speaks to you and that you would love to share with others, please tell Barbara Carter. You will be invited to read it yourself or one of the Prayer Warriors will read it for you, during a Sunday Service

# SUNDAY SERVICE

Our Sunday Service this week will again be streamed on YouTube at 9:45 am and remain on YouTube for you to watch at any time <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAJDzfVYnEF3jWP\_rcpRLmw">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAJDzfVYnEF3jWP\_rcpRLmw</a>.

The service will be led by Carolyn Carter and Revd. Roy will be speaking.





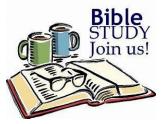
We will meet for 'Tea and Coffee' Zoom chat afterwards as usual. www.zoom.com. Meeting ID: 865 8359 6990 Password: 367287

Or click on the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86583596990?pwd=OHkyRHR5LytTTDZtRzFnNINoVIhLdz09

## **CHANGES AFOOT!**



In the light of lockdown restrictions lifting and the changing patterns of our lives, the teleconference service held on Wednesday mornings are to be discontinued. Instead, starting on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, more Bible Study sessions will be held. At the most recent Bible Study session on Tuesday, 9th June, 15 people attended. Led by Ruth Norris, we discussed the passage in Acts 16 v 23-33, where the prison doors open for Paul and Silas. We



are praying about and discussing the exact format, content and structure of the new Bible Study sessions and will announce more details shortly.



Another change reflecting the easing of lockdown is that the Pastoral Care group resume their monthly meetings instead of meeting every two weeks, as they have been for the past 3 months. This is because the majority of our congregation flock are coping and are well and happy. There are a few people who continue to need extra support and we continue to keep a close eye on them and help however possible.

# **ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

### Activities for Younger Children: GAP @ Home

GAP stands for both 'God and Play' and 'Grandparents and Parents'. Each Monday, a new session is published on the church website under: https://allsaintschurchdedworth.com/church-life/gap-god-and-play

These GAP sessions are for everyone, but especially those with younger children. Please share the link with anyone you know who may be interested. There is also a GAP WhatsApp group. Contact Ruth Norris for further details.

### Activities for 5-9-year olds.

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

https://allsaintschurchdedworth.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 Mondavs.

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

DIARY DATE Our Mission and Our Vision Your Chance to Help Recruit Our New Vicar Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am – 12:00pm by Zoom Please save the date. Meeting details to follow. Members of the congregation who do not have internet access will be consulted by phone for their thoughts and opinions.



## WEST WINDSOR HUB UPDATE

Here we can see David Flanagan and Carolyn Carter hard at work checking the food stocks and organising deliveries at the back of the church. Pictured also, is Tiia Stephens from Driven



Forward, one of our partner organisations, with which we regularly share food resources and which is now feeding the homeless recently housed by the council.

We are sometimes asked about the difference between Foodshare and The West Windsor Hub. Foodshare is based at the Dedworth Baptist Church and has been established for many years. It currently serves 60

families across West Windsor – a sharp rise since the start of Coronavirus. We exchange foodstuffs regularly with them. They work on a voucher system, giving to needy families, initially for 4 weeks. Foodshare has its own volunteer network delivering food to families in need. West Windsor Hub provides 20 – 25 people with emergency food parcels on a weekly basis and we also top-up with fresh food to give them a more balanced diet. We also refer people to Foodshare. People who phone us are not means tested and there is no time limit to our help. The only questions we ask are whether there is anything else we can do to help them. We offer a befriending service; a prescriptions collection and delivery service; mental health support; advice dealing with practical issues such finding dentists, sorting out blocked pension payments and even fixing washing machines! In addition, Carole Da Costa, a local councillor uses her knowledge of the local network of official organisations to signpost people towards further help. And Legoland, as well as making food donations early in lockdown, have advertised for volunteers to help us from among their furloughed staff! All these organisations are working hard to help the people of West Windsor. It is great to see so many strands of our community come together to help. Please continue to pray for us – this work God is asking us to do is demanding, but also rewarding and is desperately needed by our community.

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!

# **COLLECTION TIME**

To donate to all the good work the church is doing, please use one of the methods below.

- Our preferred method for one off donation is via our JustGiving page. Visit <u>https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/allsaintsdedworth</u>
- 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
- Regular giving is best made through the Parish Giving Scheme. Details are on the church website. <u>https://allsaintschurchdedworth.com/about-all-saints/parish-giving-scheme/</u>

# USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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| TIMETABLE OF CHURCH EVENTS 14 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE -29 <sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020 |          |                                                                                                |           |                   |  |
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| Date                                                                         | Time     | Title                                                                                          | Medium    | Contact           |  |
| All dates                                                                    | Anytime  | Dial a Service                                                                                 | Telephone | Sue Morgan and    |  |
|                                                                              |          |                                                                                                |           | John Sturgeon     |  |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June                                                 | 9:55 am  | Streamed Sunday Service                                                                        | YouTube   | Andrew Giles      |  |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June                                                 | 10:45 am | Tea and Coffee after service                                                                   | Zoom      | Andrew Giles      |  |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June                                                 | 7:00pm   | Youth meeting 11 -16 yrs.                                                                      | Zoom      | Michelle Sturgeon |  |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June                                                 | 10:00am  | God and Play Activity                                                                          | YouTube   | Ruth Norris       |  |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June                                                 | 12:00pm  | Prayer Warriors                                                                                | Zoom      | Barbara Carter    |  |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June                                                 | 4:00pm   | Youth group for 9 /10-yrs                                                                      | Zoom      | Michelle Sturgeon |  |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup><br>June                                            | 7:30pm   | Children and Youth                                                                             | Zoom      | Ruth Norris       |  |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June                                                 | 9:45     | Streamed Sunday Service                                                                        | YouTube   | John Sturgeon     |  |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June                                                 | 10:45 am | Tea and Coffee after service                                                                   | Zoom      | Andrew Giles      |  |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June                                                 | 7:00pm   | Youth meeting 11 -16yrs                                                                        | Zoom      | Michelle Sturgeon |  |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June                                                 | 10:00    | God and Play Activity                                                                          | YouTube   | Ruth Norris       |  |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June                                                 | 12:00    | Prayer Warriors                                                                                | Zoom      | Barbara Carter    |  |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June                                                 | 4:00pm   | Youth group for 9 /10 yrs.                                                                     | Zoom      | Michelle Sturgeon |  |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June                                                | 7:30pm   | Bible Study                                                                                    | Zoom      | Andrew Giles      |  |
|                                                                              |          |                                                                                                |           | Sue Morgan        |  |
| Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June                                                 | 9:45 am  | Streamed Sunday Service                                                                        | YouTube   | Andrew Giles      |  |
| Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June                                                 | 10:45 am | Tea and Coffee after service                                                                   | Zoom      | Andrew Giles      |  |
| Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June                                                 | 7:00pm   | Youth meeting 11 -16yrs                                                                        | Zoom      | Michelle Sturgeon |  |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June                                                 | 10:00    | God and Play Activity                                                                          | YouTube   | Ruth Norris       |  |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June                                                 | 12:00    | Prayer Warriors                                                                                | Zoom      | Barbara Carter    |  |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June                                                 | 4:00pm   | Youth group for 9 /10 yrs.                                                                     | Zoom      | Michelle Sturgeon |  |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June                                                 | 7:00pm   | Pastoral Care Group                                                                            | Zoom      | Barbara Carter    |  |
| Saturday,11 <sup>th</sup> July                                               | 10:00am  | Our Mission and Our Vision<br>Recruiting Our New Vicar.<br>Conference for the whole<br>Church. | Zoom      | Andrew Giles      |  |