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John 10 7-10: *“So Jesus said again, ‘I am telling you the truth: I am the door for the sheep....Whoever comes in by me will be saved; they will come in and go out and find pasture...I have come in order that you might have life-life in abundance’*

We learnt in our bible study on Tuesday that in Jesus’ time simple hillside sheep-folds were used at night in the summer, unlike the winter sheep-fold buildings in villages. A summer sheep fold was just a fenced in area, with a gap in the fence. The shepherd lay and slept across the gap so no sheep could leave and no wolf could enter. The Master of the Universe is our protecting door and we can live a life in absolute safety and security. Trust, satisfaction and contentment in Jesus give us vitality, energy and enjoyment of life.

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Report on Our Mission and Vision Conference

This report is a summary of the comments and conclusions of the small group discussions and plenary session of the conference.

Our previous two vicars encouraged diversity and spirituality, so we have some people in our church family who love the traditional style of worship, while others prefer more modern up-beat services. At All Saints’ Dedworth, both are valued and there are many people who are happy to worship in either style. In fact we offer as many styles of worship as possible within our available resources and God given talents. Most Sundays in the year we offer two morning services, giving the church family the chance to choose. On some occasions we come together for a joint service in which we try to cater for all. Our church is the people, rather than the bricks and mortar of the building, and we take ownership of our worship. A new vicar will need to be genuinely comfortable with traditional and new styles of worship.

For special services such as at Christmas and Easter the congregations join together to celebrate as one big family. Christingle services are great favourites as the church, in the darkness of a winter night, is filled with flickering candle – light and we are joined by many friends from the wider community. Baptisms are important too. New people are always welcome to join our services at any time. When we welcome our visitors into God’s family, they are impressed by our sense of closeness and family.

A church member has described us as a “church characterised by a core of incredible servants to the church family”. For the last two years, during our two interregnums and our Covid 19 experience, we have worked in teams, taking specific responsibilities for the life of our church. We hope our new vicar will be prepared to acknowledge these when they take over. One of the leaders wrote: “At ASD we work as a unified team. Finding friendship and companionship at church makes you feel comfortable about yourself and where you fit in.” We are an entrepreneurial church prepared to take a novel and fresh approach to any situation and proactive in taking initiatives. We have a heart for everyone, whether they are new or whether we see them every day.

It would be nice to nurture our own talents and share tasks with a wider pool of people. The lasting effects of the pandemic will mean that more people will need hope and faith. As an established community hub, we will need to look outwards even more. ASD could become a beacon for many who may have lost jobs and purpose in life. Our YouTube ministry, developed in response to the Covid

crisis, and our active presence on other social media platforms makes us widely accessible to those who need us and will help expand our congregation.

We have financial challenges but fundraise to overcome them. As we grow, we would enjoy increased dialogue with other churches and to become part of a great network of churches sharing each other's strengths across the diocese.

Sue Morgan

A selection of the shorter comments from the conference.

- We helped on the homeless project, looking after those who could not look after themselves.
- Our church is outward looking. We enjoyed being on the Praise Bus and the services we did in the Park and on Windsor racecourse.
- We need a vicar that has a sense of fun and can adapt.
- The holiday clubs we organise are great. It's a shame that we will not be able to do them this year because of Covid 19.
- Special services attract a wider number of people into the church e.g. Pets' Service, Flower Services and Christingles.
- We need to think about giving the young people more responsibility.
- Our church has a youthful approach.
- We would like a vicar who will get to speak to and know everyone personally, not just the leaders. Is that possible?
- In 3 years' time we will see the churches in Dedworth working together more.
- In 3 years' time we will have a revival.
- In 3 years time our financial position will be more stable. Stewardship is about more than money – it also includes skills and items for loan.
- It is good to have lots of services on offer for those of us who work irregular hours.
- One of the things we need is to go back to a seasonal approach with maybe a spiritual course one season, a social event in another and have a vicar with the confidence to shut things down and start things up for a short period. And then reflect.
- A young person said, "Young people keep coming and are really enthusiastic. We have a congregation that care about each other."
- In 3 years time there will be more young families bringing more children. We will be giving youth more responsibilities, and continuing the work with schools and having closer links.

Vicar Recruitment: The conference is over. What happens next?



Our editing team for the Parish Profile is Jackie Wiggins, Ruth Norris, John Sturgeon and Carolyn Carter - chosen by the PCC, please pray for them. They are now hard at work incorporating the results of the conference and questionnaires, along with a summary of what we have done during the Covid crisis, into our existing Parish Profile. Once this is done it will be available for viewing. The final version must be approved by Rhodri Bowen who led our Mission and Vision day.

When the profile is nearing completion, we will hold a "Section 11" meeting, where the PCC chooses who will be our two representatives on the appointment and interviewing panel. Their job will be to sift candidates and interview them later in the process.

Once this is complete, we arrange a "Section 12" meeting where a representative of our Bishop, probably Father Richard Lamey, Assistant Archdeacon, joins the PCC. At this meeting we agree the final version of the parish profile and the recruitment and advertising strategy. We start advertising shortly afterwards. Lots of prayer needed please!

United Breaks Out: An Online Festival

30th July - 3rd August 2020



**Let the Church emerge, more powerful than ever,
to lead us into a world where signs and wonders are our new normal.**

Venue: Homes, Gardens, Local churches, Parks & Green Open Spaces (current Covid precautions apply!)

We are encouraging everyone to get involved with this amazing online event. It is open to all ages and has something for everyone. Please look at our website for the programme of events and plan your own socially distant BBQ's, Zoom discussions and perhaps even get out the cheese and wine!

The main programme includes a mix of celebrations, worship, Bible teaching, TED-style talks, sofa sessions, live webinars and more. They will cover key issues that matter today: grief, loss and lament; the power of the Holy Spirit; race; preparing for a new world; mental health and wellbeing; parenting; prayer; apologetics; and creation care.

Timetable please see <https://www.new-wine.org/breaksout>

Visit: <https://allsaintschurchdedworth.com/unitedbreaksout/> for all the links to the United Breaks Out program, website and YouTube channels for this great festival at home. We would love to hear how you get on.

Space Cadets! A brand new 'Augmented Reality App will be launched. There will be with stories, games, prayer and worship to help kids encounter God in new ways. The kids will become space cadets There will be songs, challenges, stories, teaching and gunge.

Luminosity: For 11-18s will have breakfast devotions and chat, challenges, evening celebrations, high-energy worship and seminars covering mental health and anxiety, evangelism, calling, leadership, social media and the world we could create.

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What is happening over the summer?

Sunday Services:

Worship at 9:30am

Reminder:

- All Saints' Dedworth opens its doors for 9:30 am services on Sunday, 2nd August 2020
- On August 2nd, 16th and 30th there will be a service of Morning Prayer at 9-30am (**No Communion**)
- On August 9th and 23rd there will be a Communion service (wafers only).

Please leave a message on Sue Morgan's land line answerphone 01753 851542 to let her know if you would like to attend one or more of these services, or phone her mobile if you want to speak to her on 07752 479624.

Family Worship at 10:45am – Mike Smith will take on the editing role during the summer



YouTube Family Services will be held on all Sundays during August except for Sunday August 23rd which will be a Zoom service. We are very pleased to announce that Mike Smith will be “stitching” the YouTube service together” from Sunday, 30th August onwards, in John Sturgeon’s absence throughout September as needed. Thanks Mike! While the informal “soft” rotas work well at the moment, given that people are away during the summer, we are finalising a “hard” rota for everyone taking part in individual services. To help Mike we will all need to submit our contributions to him in good time. The PCC will discuss re-introducing Family worship in the church building at the next PCC in early August.

Prayer Hub



Colin and Barbara will continue their leadership of the prayer hub over the summer. Our small group of prayer warriors will meet every Monday at 12:00pm to pray for situations in our church and the world and non - confidential individual requests.

Barbara and Colin receive a large number of requests for confidential prayers. These remain known only to themselves and the person requesting prayer. Jesus says *“When you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is unseen. And your Father, who sees what you do in private will reward you.”* (Matthew

6:6). We believe Jesus will answer prayers whether public or confidential and we thank Barbara and Colin for continuing with this vital, unseen task.

Pastoral Care Pastoral care for all of our flock continues over the summer. The Pastoral Care meeting on July 27th is postponed. Sue Morgan is reviewing of the Zones system and possible adaptations in consultation with Barbara and Colin. While it worked really well in the lockdown phase, a fresh approach is needed now and for the future. More details will be announced when available.

Activities for Children and Youth over the Summer

Activities for 11-16-year olds: The Sunday Zoom group which meets at 7:00 pm, led by Michelle and Carolyn will continue throughout the summer holidays.

Activities for 9-10-year olds: The Thursday young Youth Zoom group – which we have all very much enjoyed- will be taking a break over the summer as many people will be on holiday. Watch this space to find out what is planned for the Autumn.

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 Younger Children: GAP @ Home

We are now closing the GAP sessions for the summer, after 4 months of lockdown when we have prepared resources every week. We do not know what the autumn will bring because Michelle’s twins are starting nursery and Ruth will still be shielding. Ruth and Michelle have put in incredible effort, enthusiasm and creativity over the last 3 years, along with help from Carolyn, to make GAP an outstanding success and more importantly, we believe, pleasing to God. The families who have come have supported us brilliantly with their warmth. Most have become lasting friends and we love seeing them, but as Ruth says, “We just have to see what is around the next corner.”

Sessions are all still available on: <https://allsaintschurchededworth.com/church-life/gap-god-and-play>

Have a wonderful summer everyone

West Windsor Hub remains open over the summer, offering all of its services!!



This week the Hub returned to full strength, with some of the lead volunteers back and hopefully refreshed after their holidays! Lots of our regulars were calling in, thinking we might be reducing our commitment over the summer. Carolyn has produced a leaflet showing this is emphatically not the case. We are sending this leaflet out with every delivery! Food parcels are in high demand, especially near the weekend.

The team were boosted by the fact that the High Sheriff of Berkshire requested a Zoom meeting to find out more about what we are doing. Carolyn and Matthew Kilner were able to tell her more about it and “virtually” show her around.

Matthew has been hard at work at the hub for 2 weeks now, running errands, tidying and stock taking. Carole Da Costa has recently been helping community members in distress and callers who need signposting to further help.

We are still receiving donations of food from individuals, as well as several enlightened organisations. The Masonic Lodge in Ealing has donated 70 ready meals twice on a Thursday. These have mainly gone to help the homeless. We collect surplus food from M&S Windsor on a Friday and we are now in discussion with the Co-op in Dedworth.

Please continue to pray for us, that we will serve people in this area well and show them God’s love.

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More hard work in the church and gardens.

Mike Brooks, Edward Casey and Brian Johnson were hard at work last Saturday clearing the hedge in preparation for the resurfacing work of Church terrace. As a result, the contractors had a clear run when laying the new surface. You can see the hedge and brambles have been decimated. Mike Brooks said afterwards, “I feel like I’ve swapped arms with a gorilla, but it was worth it!”

Delicious drinks were served by Stephen Dildaudo, who lives in Church Terrace.



Ken and Matthew Kilner were also busy last weekend. They applied another coat of paint inside the church vestibule. Thanks to everyone for their amazing labours!

Don’t mention the golf!



Here are John Wiggins, Ian Fleet and Mike Brooks beaming away after our truly disastrous round at Hedsor. It started raining continuously just as we had all paid our fees. And the golf was as bad as the weather! (We’ve had to touch up the photo!) You can see Ian was bravely wearing a pair of shorts, which he came to regret. We were all soaked and shivering. We finished in the almost pitch dark, at gone 9:30pm, as we kept losing balls. When we got back, the coffee bar had just shut. Not one of our better evenings! 😊 We are trying again this Friday 24th July at Lavender Park. So far, the weather forecast is fine.... but you never know!

Collection Time

Thank you to all those who have donated to the church in recent weeks. It helps us to do all the amazing things we are doing at this time. THANK YOU. To donate to the church please use one of the methods below.

1. Our preferred method for one off donations 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 through **the Parish Giving Scheme**. Details are on the church website.

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

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Timetable of Events at All Saints' Dedworth 26th July – 30th August 2020

Date	Time	Title	Medium	Contact
All dates	Anytime	Dial a Service	Telephone	Sue Morgan and John Sturgeon
Every day	9:30am	Prayers in the Memorial Garden	Onsite	Sue Morgan
Every day	5:00pm	Prayers in the Memorial Garden	Onsite	Sue Morgan
Sunday 26 th July	10:45am	Streamed Sunday service	YouTube	Andrew Giles and John Sturgeon
Sunday 26 th July	7:00pm	Youth Meeting 11-16-year olds	Zoom	Michelle Sturgeon
Monday 27 th July	12:00pm	Prayer Warriors	Zoom	Barbara Carter
Thursday 30 th July	7:30pm – late evening	United Breaks Out (Online festival) <u>Youth</u> : Viewing it outside or in church (special rules / exemptions apply) <u>Everyone else</u> : in your own home and gardens!	Zoom Outside/church/home	Michelle Sturgeon
Friday 31 st July	9:00am – late evening	United Breaks Out (Online festival)	Zoom: Outside/church/home	Michelle Sturgeon
Saturday 1 st August	9:00am – late evening	United Breaks Out (Online festival)	Zoom: Outside/church/home	Michelle Sturgeon
Sunday 2 nd August	9:00am – late evening	United Breaks Out (Online festival)	Zoom: Outside/church/home	Michelle Sturgeon
Sunday 2 nd August	9:30am	Service of Morning Prayer	In person on site	Sue Morgan
Sunday 2 nd August	10:45am	Streamed Sunday service	YouTube	Andrew Giles and John Sturgeon
Monday 3 rd August	9:00am – 12:15pm	United Breaks Out (Online festival)	Zoom: Outside/church/home	Michelle Sturgeon
Monday 3 rd August	12:00pm	Prayer Warriors	Zoom	Barbara Carter
Tuesday 4 th August	7:30pm	Bible Study	Zoom	Sue Morgan
Sunday 9 th August	9:30am	Communion Service	In person on site	Sue Morgan
Sunday 9 th August	10:45am	Streamed Sunday service	YouTube	Andrew Giles and John Sturgeon
Sunday 9 th August	7:00pm	Youth Meeting 11-16-year olds	Zoom	Michelle Sturgeon
Monday 10 th August	12:00pm	Prayer Warriors	Zoom	Barbara Carter
Wednesday 11 th August	7:30pm	PCC	Zoom	Andrew Giles
Sunday 16 th August	9:30am	Service of Morning Prayer	In person on site	Sue Morgan
Sunday 16 th August	10:45am	Streamed Sunday service	YouTube	Andrew Giles and John Sturgeon
Sunday 16 th August	7:00pm	Youth Meeting 11-16-year olds	Zoom	Michelle Sturgeon
Monday 17 th August	12:00pm	Prayer Warriors	Zoom	Barbara Carter
Tuesday 18 th August	7:30pm	Bible Study	Zoom	Sue Morgan
Sunday 23 rd August	9:30am	Communion Service	In person on site	Sue Morgan
Sunday 23 rd August	10:45am	Zoom Sunday Service	Zoom	Sue Morgan
Sunday 23 rd August	7:00pm	Youth Meeting 11-16-year olds	Zoom	Michelle Sturgeon
Monday 24 th August	12:00pm	Prayer Warriors	Zoom	Barbara Carter
Sunday 30 th August	9:30am	Service of Morning Prayer	In person on site	Sue Morgan
Sunday 30 th August	10:45am	Streamed Sunday service	YouTube	Andrew Giles and John Sturgeon