

NEWSLETTER

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**Jesus breaks all of the rules** Luke 6: 6-11: Faced in the synagogue by a man with a withered hand, Jesus said to the Pharisees, “..What does our Law allow us to do on the Sabbath? To help or to harm? To save someone’s life or destroy it?” Jesus told the man to stretch out his hand and healed it . In that moment, Jesus showed the religious people that helping someone in need trumps following the rules. Jesus transformed that man’s life. Forever, he will have remembered that Sabbath as the day Jesus healed His hand and healed his heart.

In Matthew 8:1-4, “(A leper).... knelt before Him and said, “ Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean.” Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him saying, “I do choose. Be made clean.” and immediately his leprosy was healed”. Jesus should have stayed six feet clear of him, to remain uninfected (sound familiar?) but instead he touched him. He thus rendered himself unclean. Again he was more interested in faith and people than in following the rules.

We have to decide, as Christians, in this time of great need whether to follow the “rules” and only help those we like or are close to, or whether to stretch out our hand, as Jesus did and “touch” (virtually) all those we meet who need His love.

## Sunday Worship



About 35 people now attend our 9:30am Sunday services in church. In this photograph Alan Dibden is leading a Communion Service.

Families are also returning to worship in church at the 10:45am service, where we watch together our YouTube service on the big screen. This service begins with 15 minutes of popular hymns

Please rest assured that we make every effort to ensure your safety by putting in place anti covid contagion measures to enable you to capture the joy of worshipping together. Please remember to bring your masks and to register with Sue on 07752 479624.

We appreciate that many of you may like to join us in church, but need to shield or self isolate or consider it the right thing to continue worshipping at home .

*The future structure of services during the Autumn and Winter is being planned.*

## Live Services at All Saints’ Dedworth



## Prayer Space



**Prayer Space**, held in candlelight, is led by Carolyn Carter on Mondays at 7:30pm. It is a wonderful time of reflection, meditation, mutual support and encouragement.

## Prayer Services in the Memorial Garden



Guess how many services Sue Morgan has held in the garden now?

Sue has held prayer services twice a day for SIXTEEN weeks non stop  
16 weeks x 7 days a week x 2 each day =224services .

**THANK YOU, SUE.**

There is a truly faithful band of people who worship every day, but overall 50 of us have attended and appreciated these services. Passers by have joined in and the lives of many people have been touched in prayer. Several have expressed their appreciation including a bus driver, a photographer, a building company working nearby, young people who had gathered in the garden and a homeless person. Almost all services have been held outdoors in all weathers.

A robin has adopted us and joins us and sings with us almost every session. We have named it 'Joy'

## Bible Study 7:30pm - 8:30pm on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September by Zoom: An Introduction to Isaiah



Our next Bible Study will be led by Sue Morgan. It will focus on 'Isaiah' a critical Old Testament book and the life and work of this most famous of prophets. Sue is planning for this book to be the subject of our autumn study with different speakers and themes.' Isaiah' is the book the Diocese are focused on at present Contact Sue Morgan for more details.

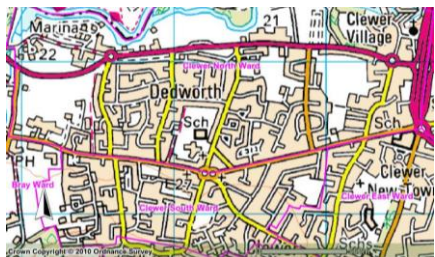
### ZOOM MEETING DETAILS

**Note – a BRAND NEW Zoom link. Please use this and not the previous one**

Meeting ID: 831 0865 5692 Passcode: 718871

## New Zones Service: Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at All Saints Dedworth

### All welcome!



A service to mark the establishment of the 21 new Zones and the new Zone Champions will be held on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm at All Saints Dedworth. Each Zone Champion will be given a candle to symbolise the handover of the care and concern of each member of the congregation, in their zone. Zone Champions will be able to keep in personal contact



with all 170 members of our congregation by phone, face to face and by delivering newsletters.

The service is in person onsite but we plan to record it and make available to everyone as we know several people are shielding or otherwise unavailable at this time.

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM): The Church AGM: Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> October

Full details will soon be announced. The plan is to hold a live, onsite meeting in church and simultaneously to hold a meeting by Zoom to accommodate those shielding or unwilling to venture out and attend.



Don't forget! We need new PCC members so please give your names to Sue and Andrew as the APCM

will soon be upon us!



### Vicar Recruitment



A specification for our new vicar, based on the feedback from the questionnaires and the conference, will be developed during the next few weeks. Work on the profile is continued now by Carolyn and John. After the APCM, the Section 11 meeting will be arranged subject to diocesan process and scheduling.

### Community Groups in September/October

**Under the recent Covid regulations** the meeting of groups for educating children up to 18 is permissible, as are group formally organised to provide mutual aid, therapy or any other form of support including bereavement and addiction. Hence, Men's Matters will meet on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, as will the Dancing Class for children. Mini Maestros will meet on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October and SANDS (bereavement support) and Friends and Family (support for families), will be allowed to meet once their risk assessments are in place.

Formal or informal clubs with a social rather than a support function, such as hobby clubs, book clubs, choirs and veteran's associations are not allowed to meet.

### Break-ins at Church

Unfortunately we have had two burglaries in the last two weeks. Despite the addition of many new security measures after the first incident, the café door was forced out of its frame and has now been boarded up. The perpetrator has taken the café TV, a computer monitor, a laptop, microphones and other electronic devices. We are endeavouring to claim on our insurance, but there is a substantial excess sum. With repair costs, the high costs of some of the equipment and the need to invest in more heavy duty security equipment we will be facing significant financial cost and losses.

The church is undamaged and the response from church members has been impressive. It shows a silver lining in a sad, dark and heavy cloud.

## Speedy Steve hits his target in money and time



Steve Di Laudo, who regularly worships at our 9:30 am service, often with his son Felix, ran a solo 10k in the Eton Dorney event which was cancelled due to Covid. He ran his 10k by running to Datchet and back on Sunday, 13th of September in an eye-watering time of just under 47 and a half minutes!

Steve was running for the Care Workers Charity to raise money to help support and improve the lives of care workers. He was delighted to raise over £408 and will secure a further £350 in matched funding from his employer, so raising over £750 in total! Steve would like to say a special thanks to the Church family who kindly donated over £150 in total to his cause. All donations can be seen on his webpage and there is still time to donate if you would like to show your support.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?pageId=1197599#stickyAnchor>

## Grant from Rotary Club



We are expecting to receive a small grant from the Windsor St George Rotary Club. We are delighted to receive this, particularly as it is a time when the Rotary Clubs up and down the land are unable to undertake their normal fundraising schedules. So we are doubly grateful that they have seen fit to provide this grant to us.

## Christmas Craft Event: Calling All Crafters



We are looking for a small army of crafters to make a whole range of craft items during this time of restrictions, for a Christmas craft event to help raise much needed funds for our church! Any hand crafted items will be appreciated – knitted, crocheted, sewn, embroidered, beaded etc. Other suggestions include card making, cake baking, jam making, model making, toy making, wood working. This event may be real or virtual, depending on the Covid restrictions current at the time. Much Christmas shopping has become very impersonal, with so many gifts being ordered via the internet. How great would it be to be able to give something that is hand made and money spent for a good cause!

Please discover or rediscover your talents! Let Sue KNOW what your plans are on 07752 479624. The plan is to hold the event in early December, So now is the time to start.



## West Windsor Hub still as busy as ever!

The Hub is currently open only three days a week because Covid restrictions were relaxed and most people have been able to be independent. With Covid infections rising and restrictions tightening, we may well have to ramp up again soon. Do consider joining us as a volunteer as we still have need of more people to help.

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

## Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse

On 27<sup>th</sup> October, there was to have been a 'Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse' event at our church. Due to Covid 19 restrictions this has been cancelled. The pressures of Covid 19 restrictions have caused an unprecedented increase in the occurrence of Domestic Abuse and Safeguarding Officers throughout the Oxford Diocese, were requested to attend a Zoom webinar in order that they may alert congregations how best to cope with this issue.

**What is Domestic Abuse?** The Government defines domestic abuse as: 'Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over, who are or have been intimate partners or family members, regardless of gender or sexuality.'

### Some Facts

- Abuse may be psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional.
- Anybody can be affected by domestic abuse, regardless of age, social background, gender, religion, sexuality or ethnicity.
- Domestic abuse affects people in all settings – in our families, in our congregations, in our places of work and in our neighbourhoods.
- Children and young people can be damaged by the abuse that they see in their families.
- Statistics show that women are most affected, but *men may also experience domestic abuse*
- Women are more likely to experience *coercive control* than men.

### It can be difficult to recognise that someone is suffering from domestic abuse

- Victims of abuse become very skilled at hiding what is happening to them owing to fear, shame and the desire to protect themselves and their children.
- Some victims of abuse do not realise they are suffering abuse, because they believe that abuse is only physical or sexual.

### Tell Tale Signs

Warning signs of domestic abuse include instances of coercive control, in which one partner seeks power and control over the other.

- A woman may never be seen alone; her partner always accompanies her.
- She may gradually become isolated, possibly moving to a new house, a long way from family.
- She may not have friends, or may gradually stop seeing them – she may withdraw from church and other groups
- Her partner may talk over her or for her and she may be reluctant to speak.
- Her partner may appear controlling or may regularly make disparaging comments about her.
- She may have unexplained injuries. However, physical injuries are frequently concealed by clothing.
- When approached about any injuries, she may make excuses about how they happened
- If her partner behaves inappropriately in public, she may justify and excuse his behaviour
- She may have no access to money
- She may have regular unexplained absences from work or often be late for work.
- Her partner may tell people she is abusing him and that he is a victim of domestic abuse.
- Her partner may be unsociable with her friends, family and colleagues, **or** he may be extremely friendly to everyone.
- If she has children, she may find it difficult to control them and they may call her names and ignore her **or** her children may be extremely clingy and not want to leave her.
- She may not want people to visit her at home or may not be comfortable giving out her address or contact details.

## What can you do to help?

If you have concerns about someone you know, do not ignore what you may have observed, but talk to one of the Safeguarding Team. Without proper training and experience in this field, **we can do more harm than good**. Churches do not often have the necessary expertise available to intervene, but should make it known that they do not condone coercive controlling behaviour of any sort, will report to statutory authorities and support victims and help them seek professional care. In emergencies, the police or social services should be informed.

Sadly, victims with Christian beliefs are reluctant to speak out about their domestic abuse. They can be reluctant about (and sometimes dissuaded from) approaching secular organisations that they feel do not understand Christian teaching on relationships. At the same time, they do not feel they can approach their own church. This could be because of the silence, shame and stigma surrounding their situation, or because their abusive partner may be part of the leadership or congregation. **'Restored'** ([www.Restoredrelationships.org](http://www.Restoredrelationships.org)) is a global alliance of organisations and churches which promotes a Christian response to domestic abuse. Christians believe that faith in Christ is about serving the God of love. Christian belief is about following Jesus Christ, who honoured and respected both men and women and resisted violence. Christians are called to live in a way that reflects this belief. Our relationships are meant to reflect God's love. We understand that God's desire for those affected by domestic violence – both victims and abusers – is healing and wholeness. *'Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.'* — Ephesians 5:1

Information about Domestic Abuse and 'Restored' will be available on the church notice board shortly and on the church website.

## 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://allsaintschurchededworth.com/about-all-saints/parish-giving-scheme/>  
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## Useful Contact Details

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## Provisional Timetable of Events 27<sup>th</sup> September – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Date	Time	Title	Medium	Contact
Every day	9:30am	Prayers in the Memorial Garden	Onsite	Sue Morgan
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Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	9:30am	Communion Service	In person on site	Sue Morgan
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	10:45am	Streamed Sunday service	YouTube	Andrew Giles and John Sturgeon
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	10:55am	Live attendance of screening of streamed service	In person onsite	Sue Morgan and Andrew Giles
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	7:00pm	Youth Meeting 11-16-year olds	Zoom	Michelle Sturgeon
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	12:00pm	Prayer Warriors	Zoom	Barbara Carter
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	7:30pm	Commissioning service for Zone Champions	In person onsite	Sue Morgan
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	7:30pm	Bible Study - Isaiah	Zoom	Sue Morgan and Andrew Giles
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	9:30am	Service of Morning Prayer	In person on site	Sue Morgan
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	10:45am	Streamed Sunday service	YouTube	Andrew Giles and John Sturgeon
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	10:55am	Live attendance of screening of streamed service	In person onsite	Sue Morgan and Andrew Giles
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	7:00pm	Youth Meeting 11-16-year olds	Zoom	Michelle Sturgeon
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	12:00pm	Prayer Warriors	Zoom	Barbara Carter
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	7:30pm	Prayer Space	In person onsite	Carolyn Carter
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	9:30am	Service of Morning Prayer	In person on site	Sue Morgan
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	10:45am	Streamed Sunday service	YouTube	Andrew Giles and John Sturgeon
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	10:55am	Live attendance of screening of streamed service	In person onsite	Sue Morgan and Andrew Giles
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	7:00pm	Youth Meeting 11-16-year olds	Zoom	Michelle Sturgeon
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	12:00pm	Prayer Warriors	Zoom	Barbara Carter
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	7:30pm	Bible Study - Isaiah	Zoom	Sue Morgan and Andrew Giles
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	7:30pm	PCC	Zoom	Sue Morgan and Andrew Giles
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	TBA	Church APCM – Annual General Meeting	In person onsite and Zoom hybrid	Sue Morgan, Andrew Giles and John Sturgeon