



ALL SAINTS CHURCH DEDWORTH
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29th March



Judges 16:28,30 *'Sampson prayed..'Please God, strengthen me just once more ..and let me die with the Philistines'* Then he pushed with all his might and down came the temple on the rulers and the people in it.

Some of the great figures of the Old Testament were highly imperfect characters. Sampson killed many and was a weak womaniser. David showed a terrible weakness by sending Uriah out to die in battle because of his lust for Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11:14). Both Adam and Isaac passed off their wives as their sisters out of weakness.

We are all acutely aware of our own failings and many are probably feeling a bit weak and timid after this long year of suffering. But we can have confidence. Despite our many failings God can use us. Even if we've totally messed up a situation or a relationship, God can transform the situation and stay by our side if we keep our faith. He can also forgive our past sins and set us on the right track. We can return to being a great warrior for Him. It's never too late for God to help us and no-one is hopeless. However small our corner is, with God's help we can shine our light and change things for the good!

FANTASTIC NEWS – WE HAVE A NEW VICAR!!
REV. PAUL WALKER



Read the text from Paul's introductory video on page 2.

“Hello All Saints’ Dedworth. I’m Paul Walker and I’m so excited to be able to announce that, subject to the usual checks, I’ll be joining you as vicar this coming summer. As you can see, I won’t be coming on my own, these are the wonderful ladies in my life, who like me are really looking forward to meeting you all soon: (Ladies say:) ‘I’m Sheree. I’m Charlotte. I’m Harriet. I’m Alice.’

We’re so excited to hear all that the Lord has been doing through you over these last few months and we’re really looking forward to joining you soon. Please pray for us as we make preparations to join you, and of course we’ll be praying for you as well. May God richly bless you as you all continue to faithfully serve him.”

A huge warm welcome Paul and to all your family, from all of us! We are so happy to have you as part of our family!



HOW THE DECISION MADE WAS MADE



Wednesday, 10th March. “Getting to know us Day”.

The 3 candidates were invited to meet 4 church groups by Zoom. Each group focused on an area of church life: Worship & Mission, Children, Youth & Schools, Prayer & Pastoral Care and Enabling. It was an opportunity for the candidates to introduce themselves and to ask questions about areas of church life at All Saints’ to gain a deeper understanding of our church, as they continued to discern God’s path for them.

The feedback they gave about this opportunity was that it was very valuable. All candidates asked that their thanks be passed to those who gave their time to be involved in these meetings. This way of working was very different to other recruitment procedures and was commended by the candidates. The candidates also were very complimentary about John Sturgeon’s series of videos of the church and the Dedworth community which had been sent to them in advance of the interviews.

Here is the video showing how we presented what the church looks like to candidates (a reminder if you have not been for a while because of the lockdown!!) <https://youtu.be/x4sdKQcU6qQ>.

Thursday March 11th Interview by Zoom Day

The three candidates had been asked to prepare a short 5minute sermon on Eph. 2.1-10. The candidate’s sermons were live streamed by John Sturgeon to a private link on our YouTube channel, and feedback and comments were requested from the congregation to be sent to Andrew Giles by 3:00pm so that the panel could take the votes, comments and feedback into account.



Votes on the sermons were returned by 34 people. Rev. Paul Walker had most votes. There were many insightful comments passed anonymously to the interviewing panel of Archdeacon Stephen Pullin, Area Dean Ainsley Swift, John Sturgeon and Paul Watkins. The overwhelming feedback was about the extremely high quality of all three sermons and delight at being asked to vote. We thank the other two candidates for their hard work in preparing their sermons.



The rest of the day: The candidates gave a 10-minute presentation to the interview panel, on **‘What are the most pressing questions for the parish church which arise from the experience of Covid? How do you help equip the congregation for post lockdown mission and ministry?’**

The panel then took the rest of the time to interview the candidates in turn. They scored each candidate and fed back on the suitability ensuring that the process was fair and documented. Following discussions, it was decided to offer the job to **Rev Paul Walker**.

If all goes well, we are hoping to see Paul in the parish during July and will let you know his installation date.

BISHOP OLIVIA WILL CELEBRATE EASTER SUNDAY WITH US AT ALL SAINTS' DEDWORTH ON SUNDAY, 4TH APRIL!



Bishop Olivia will join us as we come out of lockdown and re - open All Saints' Dedworth. Despite the sadness and difficulties of the last year we now have much to celebrate at Easter!

Traditional Easter Sunday Communion Service 9:30am



Our Church will re-open with a traditional **communion service** on Easter Sunday. We are thrilled that **Bishop Olivia**, will be taking the service and celebrating communion with us. Bishop Olivia officiates over a population of 751,157 (the population of Leeds!) and 178 churches in the Archdeaconry of Berkshire. We are very happy she will be taking the time to visit *our* church this Easter!

Covid restrictions will still be in place and congregation numbers will be severely limited. Booking a seat is essential. Please contact Sue Morgan to see if places are available.

Live streaming of 9:30am Easter Communion Service



Should you be unable to book a seat or you do not yet wish to attend church for health reasons, you will still be able to take part. We are pleased to announce that the service will be Live Streamed so that you will be able to view the service by live video or watch later, at a time convenient for you! Just click on the YouTube link that will be available shortly after the service.

Easter Sunday 10:45am YouTube Family Service

We will also be holding a pre-recorded YouTube online family service at 10:45am, with the bonus of **Bishop Olivia** giving the sermon! There will be lots of opportunity for jubilation and exultation on this great day in the history of All Saints' Dedworth! It will be an exceptional service like last year's Easter service, as we aim to continue to be a shining light of hope and joy in the community, amidst the suffering and hardship so many have experienced in the last year.



OTHER EASTER SERVICES



There will be something for everyone!! Read on.

A Maundy Thursday Reflection, 1st April.

A reflection will be available from early morning on YouTube. This will enable us all to be still and remember the final hours of Jesus' freedom with his disciples, his capture and arrest.



Maundy Thursday 'Family Time Together' Service on 1st April at 6:00pm



Join us for a family time on Zoom with activities, songs, discussion and games! Please book a place with Michelle on 07834377312 (so we can give you a goody-bag for the activities) by Monday 29th March. We will then give you the login, thanks!

Good Friday Reflection

Friday 2nd April 10:30am.

A reflection of this the most sombre day in the year, with us all sharing in the knowledge of Jesus' agony on this day, will be marked by a reflection on YouTube. We are all encouraged to watch together from the start.



Confirmed Schedule of Easter Services

| | Service at Church  | Online Service   |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Maundy Thursday April 1 st | - | Early morning YouTube reflection  |
| Maundy Thursday April 1 st | - | 6:00 pm Interactive Zoom Family Time Together and service  |
| Good Friday April 2 nd | | 10:30am YouTube reflection  |
| Easter Sunday April 4 th | 9:30am Communion with Bishop Olivia  | 9:30 Communion with Bishop Olivia live streamed on YouTube  |
| | | 10:45 am YouTube service of Easter celebration (Bishop Olivia will deliver our sermon)  |

Stations of the Cross

To remember Holy Week, Rev. Rosie Webb at St Andrew's has organised the 14 Windsor churches comprising 'Churches Together in Windsor' to present '14 Stations of the Cross', one for each church. We will have one station in our church garden and Windsor Christians are encouraged to walk to every Church and read and reflect on each one. Our station in number 11.

11: Jesus is Nailed to The Cross

We Remember the Cross of Jesus:
Huge iron nails are hammered through his wrists and through his ankles. Iron through human flesh, the flesh must yield, there is no defence. Jesus, nailed to the cross, cannot move. The hand that has wiped blindness from the eyes; the hand that opened the seal of deafness, the hand that touched a heart and cured a leper, the hand that blessed children and those with a disability; the carpenter's hand is joined to the wood again. As the cross is put in place, he hangs there between us and God, a blood stained victim for love.



Response: We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

We Name the Crosses of Today:

Jesus continues to be crucified in the children who die every minute of hunger in our world. He is crucified in all who are maimed, damaged and displaced because of war. He is crucified in all who are marginalised in our society because of their race, sexuality or gender. He is crucified in those who are abused physically, sexually or emotionally. He is crucified in those who are trafficked across the world. He is crucified in the exploitation of the earth and its resources.

We Pray:

Jesus, we pray on behalf of those who cannot reach out to you at this moment. We pray for all victims of violence; those who suffer it and those who inflict it. We pray especially for children, for the elderly and those too vulnerable to defend themselves. May victims of cruelty and oppression know that you are always with them.

Spoken Response: Glory be to the Father....

Sung Response: Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Sunday Services in April and May

We are pleased to announce provisional programme for Sunday services in April and May. We are delighted to welcome back Rev. Alan Dibden and Rev. Roy Burgess who will help principally with the 9:30 am service. We give ongoing thanks to Michael and Jacki Thomas, who with the help of Sue Morgan, Paul Watkins and their team ensure the services run smoothly. **These services will all be held in church** (hopefully!) with appropriate Covid -secure precautions.

10:45 am Online services will continue. We cannot thank enough, the hard-working team of people who contribute to these services, particularly John Sturgeon and Carolyn Carter who put them together. **The plan is for this service to be held in church on Sunday 27th June (Hopefully!)**

Plans for April and May Services

| | 9:30 am Service at Church  | Online Service 10:45   |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| 11/04/2021 | Morning Prayer | ZOOM |
| 18/04/2021 | Communion | YouTube (ZOOM)Livestreamed) |
| 25/04/2021 | Communion | ZOOM |
| 02/05/2021 | Morning Prayer | YouTube (pre-recorded) |
| 09/05/2021 | Communion | ZOOM |
| Sunday after Ascension 16/05/2021 | Morning Prayer | You Tube (ZOOM) Livestreamed) |
| Pentecost Sunday 23/05/2021 | Communion | ZOOM |
| Trinity Sunday 30/5/2021 | Morning Prayer | YouTube (pre-recorded) |

The Zoom Link for all Sunday Services and for Tea and Coffee after the YouTube services are the same each week. Click this link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86583596990?pwd=VU1ha2YwWlJFOGJpeHBteldvVFN0dz09>

or use these details.

Meeting ID: 865 8359 6990

Passcode: 482876

Prayers in the Garden start on Monday 29th March



March 29th is when 6 people will be allowed to meet socially distanced, **outdoors**. Hence, Prayers in the Garden can then resume. Sue Morgan will hold prayers every weekday, come rain or shine, at 9:30am and 5:00pm (Note new time for Spring sessions). Numbers will be limited to the leader (usually Sue Morgan) and five others, all socially distanced! Sue will continue these prayers during the spring as Covid restrictions relax.

Private Prayer



The church will be open for private prayer every weekday from 10:00am – 11:00am. Several people have been taking part. Sue Morgan is on hand to supervise arrangements for Covid precautions and safety. She is available in case of need. To protect each other, please enter through the main front doors where hand sanitizer will be placed and use the socially distanced seating in front of the main altar.



Gatherings for Youth 11+ years of age

We continue to meet by **Zoom every Sunday**, starting at 6:30pm. It is great that this is continuing! Contact Michelle Sturgeon for Zoom details.



Thought for the Week



For the last 14 weeks, we have encouraged the person giving the homily at the Sunday Service to publish their message. This is for us to return to it, read it and allow God's message to minister to us. If you have missed a service, you can catch up. There have been some very thoughtful talks. Click on this link [Read our latest Thought for the Week - All Saints Church Dedworth](#) to read them.

The Schools Team



The schools team have been busy. They have put together two great videos. The first was shown to local schools on 13th March and enjoyed by teachers and pupils alike. It featured the dramatic encounter of Jesus and the woman at the well (John 4:4-26). Ruth Norris narrates; Matthew Kilner plays Jesus and Carolyn Carter plays the Samaritan woman.

Ruth and Carolyn have also made an inspiring video for Easter, featuring the All Saints virtual choir, how to make your own cross and much more!

Bible Study

7:30pm - 8:30pm on Tuesday, 13th April by Zoom.

Fruits of the Spirit: 'Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control'



We are continuing our study of Fruits of the Spirit. We have covered Love, Joy, Peace and Patience, Kindness and Goodness. Jackie Wiggins led our last discussion on Goodness. We read and discussed key bible passages dealing with this broad topic, a fruit which is bound up in all the others.

The next session will be on Tuesday, April 13th when we may look at remaining fruits in combination.

To join this Zoom meeting, click this link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83108655692?pwd=QVZGZWM1ZkJKRW1TNmVlZkNVYUhh3QT09>

or enter these details:

Meeting ID: 831 0865 5692

Passcode: 718871

Zoom Chat Coffee Morning 10.30am on Mondays.

Ruth Norris continues to lead her Zoom chat coffee mornings with several people “dropping in” and enjoying conversation. To join this Zoom meeting, click this



link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88523434819?pwd=WEEdabks1VFRlY2RQWmdaMGdNejAzZz09> or enter these details.

Meeting ID: 885 2343 4819

Passcode: 527946



Have you or your loved ones had your vaccine?

Please give thanks with a donation to help protect our global neighbours while the vaccine is out of reach.



Go to <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-donate/give-thanks-your-coronavirus-vaccine>

Or

Contact Sue Morgan 851542 or Ruth Norris 869787

Christian Aid

A Time for Thanksgiving

Have you been jabbed? How does that make you feel? Are you truly grateful for the protection it gives you and your loved ones from this awful virus?

Yes! Yes! Yes!

How can you show your gratitude?

By giving. Giving to help protect those who live in less developed parts of the world.

You can do this through Christian Aid ‘Give thanks for your vaccine’ appeal. Just follow this link.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-donate/give-thanks-your-coronavirus-vaccine>

Alternatively, Sue and Ruth are happy to take cash donations and pass it on for you.

Looking Back at the Last Year

It was a year ago, on 22nd March that our country first went into **lockdown**. We have all been on a journey - some calm, some troubled, some fruitful and others painful. At times we have shared joy and happiness. At times we have shared grief and heartache. God has been faithful and He has been our Rock through all that has happened. John Sturgeon has compiled video clips from our year of online services. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AOQa5Vx2aSw>



Next Annual General Meeting Date is Set – Pentecost Sunday 23rd May.



What? We’ve only just had the last one! Yes (October), but we must get back in sync. We are required legally to hold the meeting by July – which is hopefully when Rev. Paul is arriving. So, we plan on an early, but smaller scale meeting this year. Again, it will be a live, onsite meeting in church and simultaneously a meeting by Zoom/YouTube to accommodate those shielding or unwilling to venture out to attend. **Please put the date in the diary**, more details next month!

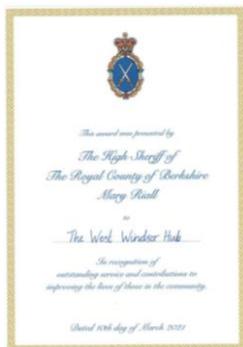
Collection Time

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 currently. THANK YOU. To donate to the church 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 through **the Parish Giving Scheme**. Details are on the church website.

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

West Windsor Hub



We got to the finals!

West Windsor Hub got to the finals of the High Sherrif Awards!



Helen Price
The Hub was one of the three finalists! Fantastic result when this covers the whole of Berkshire!

Wisdom Da Costa said: "On behalf of all our volunteers and supporters, we are delighted to have been nominated for the High Sheriff Awards 2021. We are in this together and together we will overcome. Our thanks to the nominators and to The High Sheriff of the Royal County of Berkshire."

Facts and Figures from the Hub first ever Annual Report:

The Hub will be shortly issuing their annual Here are a few advanced facts and figures! We have 309

| Service | Tasks |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Shopping | 601 |
| Prescriptions | 399 |
| Food Parcel | 407 |
| Food Share Referrals | 92 |
| Welfare | 22 |
| Benefit Forms | 3 |
| Free School Meals | 75 |
| Other | 1 |
| Hampers | 30 |
| Stockings | 40 |
| Phone friend calls | 164 |
| Calls received | 4,617 |
| Total tasks and services | 6,451 |

recorded clients on Volo. Some of these may have only used the service once, others are regular users. Some of the regulars we know well from their shopping list or know which days they normally put a request in. If we don't hear from them, we will do a welfare check and if needed, refer them to other care agencies.

During the 40+ weeks of operation from establishment to 27th December 2020, the Hub and its volunteers actioned nearly 6,500 tasks, serving residents in Windsor in need of support. This is phenomenal and testament to the community spirit that exists in Windsor between residents, local businesses and one another.

The Future

We continue to work with other community group and the community embedment project, with the aim of providing the kind of support that will help sustain our community. The work we have been doing with the snack packs is a great fit with the work done by Abri in other areas with their "Good Grub Club". Job clubs, CV writing and supporting people to become work ready are all areas that the hub could become involved in as the community recovers from CV19 and moves towards sustainability. We have met online with Kerith Community Church to look at ways of working together on future projects including one with Christians Against Poverty (CAP), a national charitable organisation specialising in debt counselling.

We currently operate with a small core of 16 committed and capable volunteers who undertake the tasks of call taking, shopping, delivering and hub working. All the current volunteers are DBS checked.

WW Hub are looking for a Volunteer to help with Admin on Fridays - if you are available & have a Laptop please call 01753 342110

Provisional Timetable of Events: 29th March – 2nd May 2021

| Date | Time | Title | Medium | Contact |
|--|---------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| Every weekday | 10:00am | Church opens for private prayer | In person | Sue Morgan |
| Monday 29 th March And weekdays thereafter | 9:30 & 5:00pm | Prayers in the Garden (max 6) | In person onsite | Sue Morgan |
| Monday 29 th March | 10:30am | Coffee with Ruth | Zoom | Ruth Norris |
| Monday 29 th March | 12:00pm | Prayer Warriors | Zoom | Barbara Carter |
| Maundy Thursday 1 st April | Early Morning | Maundy Thursday reflection | YouTube | John Sturgeon and Jacki Thomas |
| Maundy Thursday 1 st April | 6:00pm | Family Service and time together | Zoom | Michelle Sturgeon and Carolyn Carter |
| Good Friday 2 nd April | 10:30am | Good Friday reflection | YouTube | John Sturgeon and Jacki Thomas |
| Easter Sunday 4 th April | 9:30 am | Easter Communion Service | In Person onsite YouTube Livestreamed | Sue Morgan and John Sturgeon |
| Easter Sunday 4 th April | 10:45am | Easter Family Service | YouTube | Sue Morgan and John Sturgeon |
| Sunday 11 th April | 9:30am | Morning Prayer Service | In Person onsite | Michael Thomas and Sue Morgan |
| Sunday 11 th April | 10:45am | Sunday Service followed by Tea and Coffee | Zoom | Sue Morgan and Carolyn Carter |
| Sunday 11 th April | 6:30pm | Youth Meeting 11-16-year-olds | Zoom | Michelle Sturgeon |
| Monday 12 th April | 10:30am | Coffee with Ruth | Zoom | Ruth Norris |
| Monday 12 th April | 12:00pm | Prayer Warriors | Zoom | Barbara Carter |
| Tuesday 13 th April | 7:30pm | Bible Study | Zoom | Sue Morgan |
| Wednesday 14 th April | 7:30pm | PCC meeting | Zoom | Sue Morgan and Andrew Giles |
| Sunday 18 th April | 9:30am | Holy Communion Service | In Person onsite | Michael Thomas and Sue Morgan |
| Sunday 18 th April | 10:45am | Livestreamed Sunday Service | YouTube (Livestreamed) | John Sturgeon and Carolyn Carter |
| Sunday 18 th April | 6:30pm | Youth Meeting 11-16-year-olds | Zoom | Michelle Sturgeon |
| Monday 19 th April | 10:30am | Coffee with Ruth | Zoom | Ruth Norris |
| Monday 19 th April | 12:00pm | Prayer Warriors | Zoom | Barbara Carter |
| Sunday 25 th April | 9:30am | Holy Communion Service | In Person onsite | Michael Thomas and Sue Morgan |
| Sunday 25 th April | 10:45am | Sunday Service followed by Tea and Coffee | Zoom | Sue Morgan and Carolyn Carter |
| Sunday 25 th April | 6:30pm | Youth Meeting 11-16-year-olds | Zoom | Michelle Sturgeon |
| Monday 25 th April | 10:30am | Coffee with Ruth | Zoom | Ruth Norris |
| Monday 25 th April | 12:00pm | Prayer Warriors | Zoom | Barbara Carter |
| Sunday 2 nd May | 9:30am | Morning Prayer | In person onsite | Michael Thomas and Sue Morgan |
| Sunday 2 nd May | 10:45am | YouTube Sunday Service | YouTube (pre-recorded) | John Sturgeon and Sue Morgan |
| Sunday 2 nd May | 6:30pm | Youth Meeting 11-16-year-olds | Zoom | Michelle Sturgeon |

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