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## Ice Cream Sundaes, Sunday and New Beginnings!

Rev Paul writes. . .

**Please Join us for a free Ice Cream between our worship gatherings from 10:15 am on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September as we welcome the new term in together!**

Dear Friends,

**I love new beginnings** and remember (many) years ago when I would walk to school on a crisp, fresh September morning with my new and well-polished shoes on for the first day of term. I was both excited and slightly apprehensive as I walked through the school gate and met up with my friends after the long, six-week break. What would my timetable be like and which teachers would I have? How had things changed? I loved writing my name on my new exercise books and tried hard to be as neat as I could—at least for the first couple of weeks!

God spoke to his people through the prophet Isaiah. At a time when his people were lost, he reassured them that they could hope and trust in him as he would restore them. He said:

“I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” (Isaiah 43:19)

That hope of a new beginning is for us too. As God’s people in Dedworth, we are at an exciting junction in the life of the Church. As we seek to rebuild out of COVID, we have an opportunity to shape up for the next season of our journey with God. We seek to grow in our welcome as we share Jesus with all, taking seriously our call to discipleship, seeking to be equipped to join in where the Lord is already at work. To that end, the invite is for us all to take an active part in growing in faith, as we prayerfully and caringly review together how we can be God’s Church that is fit for the future. I’m so excited about all Jesus has in store for us this term! He is doing a new thing and I feel so privileged to be journeying with you as we listen and respond together to God’s call on our lives.

*With love and every blessing,  
Paul*

## Sunday Worship at All Saints' Dedworth in September

We are continuing our services in or just outside the building during September. We are remaining vigilant: those attending services inside the building will be encouraged to wear masks and cleaning of chairs and surfaces will still take place. As reported last month, we may change the configuration of our worship space at some point so that the communion table is on the back platform, to fit more people in, particularly for the second service.

### September Services:

	9:30 am Gathering	11:00am Gathering Open air if dry, café inside if wet
5/9/2021	Communion	Family Service with Communion
12/9/2021	Communion Ice Cream Sundae Sunday	Family Service Ice Cream Sundae Sunday
19/9/2021	Communion	Family Service
26/9/2021	Communion	Family Service with Baptism

We had six services in a row without rain for the family service. You can see us all enjoying ourselves at the start of August – both adults and children alike! Finally, the heavens opened and we were inside for two weeks with a café/messy church style arrangement of tables to minimise risk of contagion. We have been delighted to see so many of you worshipping with such joy at our services where we have ensured plenty of room to keep everyone safe.



The plan is to continue outside, with an informal format for as long as we can, possibly to the end of September, depending on the weather and infection rate. Please bring your brolly for light showers, but in the event of significant rain we will go inside, keeping families apart at a safe distance. Wherever we are, we will continue to worship and receive from God, as we share family news, read and listen to God's word and spend some time in prayer!

## New Wine United 2022 - FLASH SALE!

Fancy an opportunity to spend time amongst friends while growing in faith? **Next year several of us will be going to week A of New Wine (23rd - 28th July).** If you are interested in coming, there is a **significant discount (up to £40 per ticket) for reservations made before 15th September.** For further information, have a chat with Paul Walker or follow the link: <https://www.new-wine.org/events/united22>. If you do book, please make sure you select 'All Saints Dedworth as the Church group you want to be with!



## Youth Group and Sunday School



The Youth Team have many ideas for the Autumn! A meeting is taking place on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> to work out the very best ways to minister to our young people of all ages. Please pray for all attending the meeting that they will be able to discern the best way of proceeding in the light of

continuing concerns about Covid and fulfil our vital role of ministry to this group, which is of course is part the future of the church!

## General Social and GAP (God and Play) for Parents and grandparents Monday 10:00am

We are hoping to start up GAP led by Ruth Norris for babies and toddlers from Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. This will be a 'cleaning the toys and getting everything out of the loft' day for GAP, but it will still be a fun social chatting time. More details about the Autumn to follow!



In the meantime, over the Summer, we have been welcoming children of all ages and their carers for a chat and relaxed social time in the Café Garde.



Please give thanks to the Lord for the relationships that have grown between those there.

## Dreaming the Impossible (DTI) at All Saints 2<sup>nd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> August



In view of the high infection rates, the Youth team took the difficult decision to switch the event for our 13+ year olds to All Saints' using the streamed DTI online sessions. A great time was had by all! There was additional fun and games in between sessions including rounders, water games, UV Light and a Mocktail party, "Fire Pit has talent", and a trip to Liquid Leisure! Thanks to all those who helped, as well as to

Michelle Sturgeon, Carolyn Carter and John Sturgeon for taking on the task of running the event. Michelle said she had been, 'overwhelmed' with the offers of help from church members. That is great!! Please pray for wisdom and discernment as the team seeks to put plans in place for next year's event.



### Fun afternoon for 7–12-year-olds: Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> August



We had a great time on the 11<sup>th</sup>. August. It became almost like a holiday club day! Many thanks to Martha for helping. With Toby and Hannah also assisting (!) there were 15 youngsters present. Thanks to Rev. Paul and Sheree Walker for organising this welcome break for both parents and children and thanks again to Michelle Sturgeon and Carolyn Carter for helping!

### Church Fest in the Pirate Park: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August A Family Event organised by Churches Together in Windsor.



We celebrated a fantastic Churchfest with Churches Together in Windsor on Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup>. Despite the weather feeling chilly at times, we had many visiting families who appreciated the chance to enjoy all the activities hosted by different churches. These included muddy church, ukulele fun, five a side football, face painting and a Christian Aid stand. Many great conversations were had and we showed that churches are definitely not boring!

The families loved the All Saints "fairground" games. There was 'Hook the Duck', 'Throwing the Balls' 'Coconut Shy', Limbo Dancing', 'Shoot the Table Tennis Ball' and many others. It was very well organised and the children were excited to be given a present (sweets) for completing a successful round. Many came back for multiple rounds!



Kerry Giles helped Sarah Howard from the Baptist Church with messy

church. You can see the results of all the children's efforts in the photos. On stage here are the Methodist Church who led us in worship at the end of the afternoon. We took the opportunity to start in prayer, just before 12:00pm and that set us up for a great afternoon!

As well as all the activities, such as toddler sessions and 'Pimm's (non-alcoholic!), there were events on stage every hour including testimonies and Hymns' (with John Sturgeon controlling the sound!)

As well as welcoming our many visitors, it was great to see all our churches embracing the chance to work together and we spent some time catching up with old friends!

Many thanks to all involved (and there were many!) particularly Michelle Sturgeon, Carolyn Carter and John Sturgeon from our team and Rev Rosie Webb from St Andrews, who initiated the project. Thanks for all your prayers!



## Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN ) came to Dedworth!

The Young Christians Climate Network believes it is time to make decisions which protect people and not just the economy, so they have established The UK Churches' Relay, walking to the COP26 conference.

Their relay cry is **Rise to the Moment!**

We are delighted that this very important rally came to Windsor on 1<sup>st</sup> August. We at All Saints were able to welcome them at Osgood Park. Several nearby churches brought 'tributary' groups of walkers to offer encouragement and support. It was a long walk from Twyford, but they were greeted with an enthusiastic cheer and lots of clapping on arrival! Rev Paul gave a welcome and prayer of thanks. Bethany Cook who was leading this 7<sup>th</sup> section of their relay responded to this and we sang two worship songs together led by Carolyn Carter.

We at All Saints Dedworth hosted them all by providing food and drink (Thank you Angela West for coordinating and providing so much). Entertainment was organised in the form of a game of rounders that many joined in with. Thanks to Sile and Michael Bourne. Windsor Christian Aid members representing another 5 Windsor churches of different denominations came in support and provided food.



After an hour or so some of us accompanied the walkers the last half mile to St Agnes where beds and a meal awaited them, cooked by Jennifer Brown with the help of Jackie Wiggins, Penny Roche and

Dee Mc Donal. The whole occasion was delightful, relaxed and fulfilling. Thanks to Ruth Norris for coordinating and everyone else who kindly helped. For more information and to watch a video about this movement click the link to their website: <https://www.yccn.uk/rise-to-the-moment>

## Running Man Café. Now open every weekday

Jackie Sadler, Loice Mamdizvidzn and Astra Parsons are pleased that the Running Man Café is opening on weekdays from **10:30am to 12:30pm**. While infection rates remain high, we are offering teas, filter and instant coffee, soft drinks and a selection of packaged snacks at reduced prices. We are meeting outside in the courtyard and taking advantage of the (mostly) good weather! We are hoping to extend our hours in September. If you would like to consider becoming a volunteer at the cafe and being one of our front-line supporters of the community, then please let our Café Manager, Sue Morgan, know.



## COME AND JOIN IN DURING SEPTEMBER:



**Prayers in the Garden and Church are continuing at 9:15am & 5:00pm!**

## Thames Hospice Sunflower Walk, Saturday September 11

Mike Brooks is walking from the old Hospice in Hatch Lane to the new Hospice on Windsor Road, Bray, with Vanessa and Edward Casey. (Around 3.5 miles, which will take around an hour) We'd love it if more of you can join us. Do contact Mike if you'd like to join him.

## Climate Justice Ecumenical Service 19<sup>th</sup> September 4pm St Edwards RC Church –

West Windsor Christian Aid Group are arranging a Taizé-style service. All welcome.

## Trail Around Windsor – 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> September

West Windsor Christian Aid Group will be setting up 15 prayer stations to appreciate art, learn from and consider an action to help us treasure God's creation. Look out for further information!

## Calling All Gardeners! There is more work to do!



The garden looks so much better after your efforts in early June, but unfortunately the weeds are growing! Thanks go to those of you who have offered help. If you can and have not yet offered, please consider investing a small amount of time to maintain a specific area of the gardens - plant and tend any new flowers and water and weed it. Contact Kilner, Sue Morgan, Peter Norris or Andrew Giles.



Area for ongoing managing	Name of person
Rose bed	Ruth Norris
Raised bed (community vegetables garden)	Brian Johnson
Planters in Porch Courtyard	Penny Roche
Café Garden area	Malcolm Lock
Memorial Garden – top, side and steps	Sue Morgan (temporary)
Borders around the church walls Dedworth Rd	Maureen Dean
Borders around the church walls outside Vestibule	
Borders around the church walls outside Toilets/Kitchen	
Bank alongside path outside kitchen from gate	
Around the Magnolia Tree and back towards trees	Mary Morgan
Along fence at Church Terrace side of car park	(Edward Casey doing this at the moment)
Along bank on Clewer Hill Rd side of car park	
Grass cutting	Ken Kilner & Mike Brooks
Dedworth Road Hedge	Brian Johnson



### ZOOMING BACK TO CHURCH

Ruth Norris’ Zoom chat coffee mornings have been brilliant during the period of Covid, with many people “dropping in” and enjoying conversation. As things are opening now, Ruth feels the time is now right to switch back to face-to-face meetings. She encourages everyone to come to church on Tuesday mornings and indeed any time for a regular chat and share their latest news and what’s going on!

The **New Daylight Daily Bible readings** are available for September – December. Please contact Ruth on 869787 if you’d like them.

### Giving thanks for the life of Daisy Strickland

It is with sadness that we have learned about the recent passing of Daisy who was a longstanding member of the Church community at All Saints’. Her funeral will take place in the Church on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 11:15 for any who would like to join us as. We give thanks to the Lord for her life and faith in Jesus. Please do keep Daisy’s family in your prayers as we commend her to God.

### A shop to help All Saints Dedworth become a green church



We are working with ‘Zero Joe’s’, a zero-waste shop located at 91 St Leonards Road, Windsor, by ordering our cleaning materials and coffee etc. The shop is run by a mother and son whose ethos is to provide their customers with affordable, single use plastic free goods to reduce the impact of us humans on our environment. The shop is open Tuesdays to Sundays. You may visit the store and take your own containers, or order online for collection or local delivery (by electrical bike). <https://www.zerojoes.co.uk/>

## Easyfundraising Scheme News!

Many thanks to all those who joined our Easyfundraising scheme and used it to make lots of online purchases. It takes a long time for this scheme to get going but GREAT NEWS 😊 - we have had our first payment of £16-00\* by [#easyfundraising!](#) Thanks to everyone who has helped make a BIG difference during this difficult time by raising donations for us. Please remember to use Easyfundraising every time you shop online. Over 5,000 shops and sites will donate to All Saints Church Dedworth, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, M&S and Just Eat! Plus, you could raise up to £215-00 when you use Easyfundraising to save money on your household bills, including car and home insurance, energy, phone contract or broadband. Uswitch, Go Compare, [Confused.com](#) and many more will all donate to us for FREE! If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely FREE. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started!

You can find our Easyfundraising page here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/.../dedworthallsaints/...>

(Note - this £16-00 is made up of lots of small online purchases. We have had some larger donations raised by people who have changed their car/house insurance or switched their phone, broadband or electricity and gas supplier. We have the potential to raise significant sums of money if you sign up and get the donation when offered by the online retailer. MANY THANKS.

## West Windsor Hub (WWH)



Here are Carole da Costa and Astra Parsons exchanging a joke while sorting out important requests from our many community members in need.

We thought that as people can mix a bit more now, we would have a **tea/coffee & biscuit morning at the Hub on Tuesdays from 11:00am to 12:30pm**. Meet the volunteers, see what we do, or just come for a chat and cuppa. Already some new volunteers have come forward! Why don't you join us? The pastries are quite delicious!

Despite it being August there continues to be significant demand for help. It is worth noting that very little of it is now Covid-related. We are still doing 6-7 shopping trips a week and collecting prescriptions but these are for people house-bound for other reasons. There is an ongoing need for emergency food supplies. There are many stories of people dropping in at their wits end, some recently homeless. Others need help with advice and just a bit of moral support. Many people are on their own and drop in for a chat as well as our help, or benefit from the cheery conversation from members of the volunteering team when sorting out shopping or just a phone call.

The Windsor Food Network have been helping during the summer with an initiative called "Fuel led by 'Achieving for Children' and supported by Windsor and Maidenhead and other local councils" in support of families with children in receipt of free school meals. West Windsor Hub supplied Family Cooking Activity' packs to promote healthy eating, consisting of 'take home' food ingredients and a recipe for families to cook a meal together. In addition, Foodshare provided packed lunches and Abri provided cooked meals for several weeks

## Provisional Timetable of Events: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>– 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Date	Time	Title	Medium	Contact
Every weekday	10:00am	Church opens for private prayer	In person church	Sue Morgan
Every day (Sunday morning is the service)	9:15 & 5:00pm	Prayers in the Garden or Church & reading	In person memorial gardens unless wet	Sue Morgan
Every weekday	10:30 – 12:30pm	Café open (outside and takeaway)	In person café courtyard	Sue Morgan
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	9:15am	Communion	In person church	Rev Paul Walker, Michael Thomas and Sue Morgan
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	11:00am	Sunday service in church grounds (memorial garden)	In person memorial gardens unless wet	John Sturgeon and Rev Paul Walker
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	6:30pm	Youth Event?	In person onsite church	Michelle Sturgeon
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September August	10:00am	Open to all parents and grandparents	In person Church/ Café Garden	Ruth Norris
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	7:30pm	Youth Planning Meeting and Bible Study	Zoom	Ruth Norris & Michelle Sturgeon
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	9:15am	Communion Ice Cream Sundae Sunday	In person church	Rev Paul Walker
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	11:00am	Sunday Service in church grounds (Memorial Garden) Ice Cream Sundae Sunday	In person memorial gardens unless wet	Rev Paul Walker
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	6:30pm	Youth Event?	In person onsite church	Michelle Sturgeon
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September August	10:00am	GAP toy cleaning	In person Church/ Café Garden	Ruth Norris & Michelle Sturgeon
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	7:30pm	PCC	In person and zoom	Andrew Giles
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	9:15am	Communion	In person church	Rev Paul Walker, Michael Thomas and Sue Morgan
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	11:00am	Sunday Service in church grounds (Memorial Garden)	In person memorial gardens unless wet	John Sturgeon and Rev Paul Walker
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	6:30pm	Youth Event?	In person onsite church	Michelle Sturgeon
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September August	10:00am	GAP	In person Church/ Café Garden	Ruth Norris & Michelle Sturgeon
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	9:15am	Communion	In person church	Rev Paul Walker, Michael Thomas and Sue Morgan
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	11:00am	Sunday Service – Baptism	In person memorial gardens unless wet	John Sturgeon and Rev Paul Walker
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	6:30pm	Youth Event?	In person onsite church	Michelle Sturgeon
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> September August	10:00am	GAP	In person Church/ Café Garden	Ruth Norris & Michelle Sturgeon