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'Serving God, serving each other, serving community'

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In the light of the latest government Coronavirus advice: All Church Services and Church Groups are currently suspended. During this time our Ministers and Local Ministers will be making Orders of Service available for members to worship together at home.

NOTICES 24 May 2020

Dear Friends,

It will come as no surprise to you that I often look to hymns for all sorts of reasons. Sometimes they say so much better what I want to express. Other times, they challenge or teach. In this period of lockdown many of us with gardens have been amazed at how much more we notice what is happening in them. I know there has been a lot of prayer for those who live in high-rise flats, especially with young families at this time.

I come across more people wanting to create a new normal when all the Covid restrictions are lifted, some are more hopeful than others, but there is a sense that our priorities can and should change. As I play my way through Singing the Faith, I came across this hymn by Shirley Erena Murray and perhaps it speaks into what could be a new normal for us all.

1 Touch the earth lightly,
 use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
 gift of great wonder,
 ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

2 We who endanger,
 who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
 we who would foster
 clouds of disaster —
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

3 Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden,
hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.

4 God of all living,
God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us,
Christ reconnect us,
using us gently, and making us one.

Every Blessing, Ian

Rules for the New Normal

Love the Lord your God, on that we all agree.
No Idols, not even the Chancellor's magic money tree.
If you want to swear, don't use God's name.
Can't get to Church? But Sunday's just the same.
Look after the Oldies in your neighbourhood.
Murder and adultery still not good.
Don't steal or tell lies, not the noble thing to do.
Admire other's lifestyle, that's theirs and not for you.
See more people, but keep two metres away.
Church may soon be open to worship and pray.

Margaret L

 **Stationing:** a notice about the current Stationing process was sent to members earlier this week. If you have not received one please get in touch with the office.

Paper copies of **Christian Focus** will not be distributed this Quarter, but if you would like one, contact Margaret Langsford or the Office.

The May Edition of **Sharing the Vision** is now available on line. (If you would like a copy posted to you please contact the office.)

Jam: I have made several batches of **marmalade** and a batch of new season's **rhubarb and ginger jam** during this time of staying at home. Instead of keeping them for the Summer or Christmas Fairs I am selling them now. Just ring me on 01235 534900 to arrange delivery or pick up. All proceeds will be given to much needed church funds.

Margaret Greaney

Conduit Centre: the builders hope to be finished in mid June ☺

Keep in touch: We hope to continue with a weekly Notice Sheet throughout the current situation. So, if any of you has any news, or other 'snippets' you would like to share do, please, send them in. Thank you

Have you seen Alastair's lovely pictures of the Trinity garden on the Trinity website?

Worship

In the Circuit

Ian and Selina will prepare written worship material for use at home. Over the coming weeks they will be working their way through the book of 1 Peter. This material will be circulated within All Saints and Trinity and made available on line.

Keith leads an on-line Zoom service on Sunday mornings at 10:30am. If you would like to join in or know more about this, please contact him directly - keith.underhill@methodist.org.uk - so he can add you to the distribution list and let you know what to expect.

Occasional reflections and thoughts for the day are made available on the Circuit website - <https://www.wantab.org.uk> and the Circuit YouTube Channel.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBpMj71hDzpMhVj6t_ZQt0w

If you would like to share a reflection / thought for the day, then please do send it through to Keith. Grateful thanks to all those who have contributed in so many ways already and enabled us to remain in touch with one another in these difficult times.

Selina is also making work sheets for our younger members – do get in touch if you would like copies sent to you.

And more widely:

Methodist churches are sharing weekday morning prayers online:

09:00 Wesley House, Cambridge

www.facebook.com/wesleycambridge.

10:00 Wesley's Chapel, London

www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAUqhmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA

JPIT – The Joint Public Issues Team is made up of the Baptist Union, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church, working together for peace and justice. JPIT are encouraging people to establish a daily rhythm of prayer, and will be sharing prompts on social media and via a daily email pointing people towards different issues; local, national and global to encourage us to pray. This will particularly highlight vulnerable and marginalised groups during the Coronavirus crisis. Visit [here](#) for more information.



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Content is updated weekly on Thursday afternoon

And finally . . .

can you find 24 words / phrases connected to the Church in Abingdon in this word square?



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 CHURCH TWINNING, COMMUNITY CHURCH, DESIRE, LONG FURLONG, OCK STREET, OUR LADY & ST EDMUND,
 PEACHCROFT, PRAYER SPACES, SALVATION ARMY, SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, ST HELENS, ST MICHAEL, ST NICOLAS,
 STREET PASTORS, THE ABINGDON BRIDGE, TRINITY, VINEYARD, WORLD DAY OF PRAYER