



News for the Pews... on the move!

Today's Service

4.00pm Family Communion (Emmanuel)

President: Nick Davies

Preacher: Steve Bullock

Readings: Isaiah 25. 1-9 (Roger Symon) and
Matthew 22. 1-14

Hymns: 365 Let us build a house where love can dwell

446 Here is bread, here is wine

794 The King of love my shepherd is

683 Jerusalem the golden

Intercessions: Janet Thornton

Anthem: Come, my way, my truth my life – Harris

Today's hymns are printed after the notices.

The Collect

Generous King

In love you seek us out and invite us in.

Gather us in your name this day

Feed us in this place

And so fit us for your Kingdom

Now and forever. Amen

Upcoming Sunday Services

All livestreamed Team services can be watched (live or on catch-up) on our Facebook page,
www.facebook.com/pipandjims

11th October: 4.00pm Holy Communion
(Livestreamed P&J service from Emmanuel,
Naunton Park)

18th October: 4.00pm Holy Communion
(P&J service at Emmanuel, Naunton Park)

18th October: 4.00pm Family Church
(All-age P&J service from St James' School)

Our revised schedule of livestreamed Team services will be published next week.

News and Notices

New Service Arrangements (From 11th October)

Please arrive for our Sunday services between 3.30pm and 3.45pm, and follow the stewards' directions regarding checking in, so we can ensure everyone is seated in time. Our Church buildings now all have QR codes, which can be used to register your presence with the NHS Test and Trace smartphone app. If you are attending services, please remember to wear a face covering, and bring a slip of paper with the names of all those in your group, together with two forms of contact. These will be held securely for Track & Trace purposes for 4 weeks, then destroyed. We are currently asking all who attend to provide their contact details, even if they also use the QR codes.

News from St Andrew's, Ramallah

Fadi has been spending time with clergy groups, supporting each other during the financial devastation of lockdown. Congregation numbers have declined, and consequently so have Parish income and Diocesan funds, which led to the departure of the new Parish Administrator, Tanya. On top of that, as a form of collective punishment taxes levied from Palestinians by the Israeli government, and then normally returned to the Palestinian Authority for their expenditure, are currently being withheld.

Fadi is very grateful for the recent financial contribution from individuals at P&J. St Andrew's Core Group are considering spending this on tablets and laptops for students studying at home who currently cannot benefit from online teaching. Part of the money may also be used to pay Church fuel bills. Ruba is still teaching, and Philippe is now studying medicine (English medium) in Hungary. Fadi continues to conduct online theology seminars with University of Chicago students. Please continue to keep the family, the congregation and Palestine as a whole in your prayers at this time of uncertainty.

Keeping in Touch

If you are aware of anyone who is not receiving digital copies of *News for the Pews* at the moment and is feeling isolated, please encourage them to ring the Parish Office on 07498 623855 so we can ensure they receive weekly postal copies instead.

Crib Blessing 2020: Volunteers Needed!

This year we will be running a crib blessing with a difference, as we run a Team-wide event at St Peter's, Leckhampton. We plan that this will take place from 3.00pm – 6.00pm on Christmas Eve and will be a promenade event with families following a one-way route around the Churchyard, into the Church and out along the pathway to the cottages. On their journey they will engage with the Christmas story, meeting with shepherds, the innkeeper, the wise men, angels and Herod, and visiting the crib. We are particularly keen to get volunteers for an hour's shift to steward, sing or act. Further details can be found on the two PDFs sent alongside this newsletter. Do please email Nick if you could be involved or have ideas, skills or contacts to offer!

Future Staffing

As we look forward to re-entering Church next spring we will be making some new appointments over the coming months. Hannah, our Administrator will be finishing her fixed-term contract at the end of the year, however we will be recruiting a new permanent half-time role to keep the Parish wheels turning. In parallel to that appointment, we will also be recruiting a fixed term part-time Community Engagement Officer who will focus on promoting and managing our new community space. We have already secured significant grant funding for this second post and work on this continues. Details of these vacancies will be in *News for the Pews* and on our website in due course. Do feel free to pass them on to anyone who may be interested.

Music Group Songs

As requested by a member of our congregation, the Music Group is making available as emailed MP3 recordings some of the songs they sing at All-Age services on the first Sunday of each month. So far these are as follows:

July (Online): *Cornerstone; Give thanks to the Lord our God and King; My guardian*

September: *Come, people of the risen king; My lighthouse; Hide me now; Faithful one; Over all the earth*

October (Harvest): *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty; God the maker of the heavens; Everywhere around me; Earth's fragile beauty; We see the fruitful harvest*

Please contact Colin on colindickinson2212@gmail.com if you would like an emailed MP3 recording of any of these songs... we plan to add more as the months continue, and hope you will enjoy them!

P&J Annual Church Council Meeting Reminder

The Annual Church Council Meeting, which was postponed from April, will take place on Tuesday 20th October at 7.30pm at Emmanuel Church, Naunton Park.

There is also an option to attend via Zoom as follows:

Topic: St Philip and St James Annual Meeting
Time: Oct 20, 2020 07:30 PM London
Meeting ID: 889 3709 7403
Passcode: 993948

We will be electing Church Council Members, Churchwardens, Deanery Synod members etc., and presenting the Annual Accounts. The Annual Report (which includes the agenda) and the Annual Accounts have been emailed out and copies made available at our services. If you require a copy posted to you, please contact the Parish Office.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The formal meeting where the reports from St Philip and St James' Church and the Church in Warden Hill are presented, following their individual AGMs, takes place on Sunday 25th October at 12 noon at St Christopher's Church, Warden Hill, or via the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89058139923>

All Souls Memorial Service

This year we will be holding a joint All Souls Memorial Service with St Stephen's. The service will take place at St Stephen's Church, at 6.00pm on Sunday 1st November. Spaces are limited due to current regulations, so if you plan to attend please contact Pip and Jim's Parish Office (07498 623855 / info@pipandjims.org.uk) by Wednesday 21st October.

Reverend Canon Marie Rowley-Brooke

Many will remember Marie who served her curacy at Pip and Jim's from 2002 to 2005 before moving to take up a post in Ireland. Marie died on 18th September 2020 after a long illness; her private family funeral will take place in Ireland.

'Warden's Walk': Sponsors Needed

Peter is walking 1000 miles this year to raise funds for equipment in the new Welcome Area at Pip and Jim's. He has completed just over 900 miles and would be very grateful if you could help him to finish by offering a little sponsorship. Please do so online at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/PeterCottingham1>, or by ringing him on 07816 445378.

Held Needed – Stewarding

We have limited numbers of stewards for this autumn's services. If you do not currently steward but would like to help, please contact the Parish Office for more details. Thank you.

Calligraphy

We will shortly be preparing certificates for the supporters of the *Stepping Stones* Appeal. If anyone could help with writing names of donors, please let Hannah know on 07498 623855. Thanks in advance.
Peter Cottingham

Cheltenham Prayer for Schools: St James' Primary

Cheltenham Prayer for Schools Network invite you to join their 20th birthday celebrations on YouTube, which can be watched until the end of October.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qZShaFnI4ow>

St James' School Prayer Group plans to meet on Zoom to pray together in early November; if you are interested in joining, please contact Jenny on pray4st.james@gmail.com with your availability. The South Cheltenham School Prayer Groups will also meet collectively on Zoom for 40 minutes on Monday 12th October; login details for the meeting and a catch-up afterwards are as follows:

Prayer Meeting

Topic: South Cheltenham Prayer
Time: Oct 12, 2020 08:00 PM London
Meeting ID: 743 1565 2515
Passcode: Phil 4:6-7

Post Prayer Catch-Up

Topic: South CPFSN - Catch Up
Time: Oct 12, 2020 08:40 PM London
Meeting ID: 722 8191 9740
Passcode: Phil 4

Today's Hymns

365. Let us build a house where love can dwell

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

3. Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space,
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

5. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

446. Here is bread, here is wine

1. Here is bread, here is wine,
Christ is with us – he is with us;
break the bread, drink the wine –
Christ is with us here

2. Here is grace, here is peace,
Christ is with us – he is with us;
Know his grace, find his peace –
feast on Jesus here.

*In this bread there is healing,
in this cup there's life for ever;
in this moment, by the Spirit
Christ is with us here.*

3. Here we are, joined in one
Christ is with us – he is with us
we'll proclaim, till he comes –
Jesus crucified.

794. The King of love my shepherd is

1. The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

2. Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never:
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

683. Jerusalem the golden

1. Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blest,
beneath your contemplation
sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, O I know not
what joys await us there,
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare.

2. They stand, those halls of Sion,
all jubilant with song,
and bright with many an angel,
and all the martyr throng;
the Prince is ever with them,
the daylight is serene,
the pastures of the blessed
are decked in glorious sheen.

3. There is the throne of David;
and there, from care released,
the song of them that triumph,
the shout of them that feast;
and they who with their leader
have conquered in the fight,
for ever and for ever
are clad in robes of white.

4. O sweet and blessed country,
the home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country
that eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us
to that dear land of rest;
who art, with God the Father
and Spirit, ever blest.

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