

# News for the Pews... on the move!

## Today's Livestreamed Services

### **8.00am BCP Holy Communion** (St Peter's)

President/Preacher: Gary Grady & Jacqueline Henson

### **10.00am Morning Worship** (Emmanuel)

President: Steve Bullock

Preacher: Hanna Stürcken

Readings: Isaiah 64. 1-9 (Roy McBane) and Mark 13.

24-end (Dereck Freeman)

Hymns: 45 O come, O come, Emmanuel

42 Longing for light, we wait in darkness

502 Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name

41 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Intercessions: Eddie Carmichael

Today's hymns are printed in our order of service.

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## Upcoming Sunday Services

All livestreamed Team services can be watched (live or on catch-up) on our Facebook page,

[www.facebook.com/pipandjims](http://www.facebook.com/pipandjims).

You do not need a Facebook account to access these.

**6<sup>th</sup> December:** 10.00am Holy Communion

(P&J/St Stephen's service at St Stephen's, Tivoli)

**13<sup>th</sup> December:** 10.00am Holy Communion

(P&J/St Stephen's service at St Stephen's, Tivoli)

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## News, Notices & Events

### **Parish Office Closure**

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November. If you have any urgent queries during this time, please contact the Churchwardens.

### **Christian Arts Festival: Eden... Restoring Paradise**

Virus restrictions-permitting, the art exhibition *Eden... Restoring Paradise* will be on display in Montpellier Gardens Gallery from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> December, open 10.00am – 5.00pm. The competition was tough this year, so you are in for a treat – Bishop Rachel and P.J Crook MBE, the judges, chose 7 winners! Please note: only 8 at a time will be able to view the exhibition.

## **Daily Hope Phone Line**

The *Daily Hope* phone line offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The *Hymn Line* section of this offers callers a small selection of hymns, updated daily. These services are available 24 hours a day by calling 0800 804 8044. The line is free, and was particularly set up for those who are isolated and cannot join online Church services – please do share these details if you know of anyone who would benefit from the encouragement of this service.

## **Worship Songs from Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

The following are available as emailed MP3 recordings. Please contact Colin via [colindickinson2212@gmail.com](mailto:colindickinson2212@gmail.com) if you would like any sent to you!

*You are my all in all; By faith we see the hand of God;  
To be in your presence; We are marching*

## **2021 Staffing**

As previously mentioned, we have recently been interviewing for two new posts and have been able to make two really good appointments:

**Cate Hemingway** will be our new **Church Administrator**. Many of you will know Cate who has been a member of our Church Council, the Choir and has led on our recent risk assessments for services. Cate has a background in governance and compliance including working with the University of Oxford. Cate will be working 9.00am – 1.00pm, Monday to Friday, and will begin in January as we plan the move back into Church next Spring.

**Rhys Topping** will be our new **Community Engagement Officer**. Rhys worships at St Mark's in West Cheltenham and has a professional background in account management and business-business marketing. Rhys will be working mornings Monday – Friday and will also begin in January. His role will be very much 'out and about' networking with community organisations and local businesses, ensuring our new community space is well used.

Do hold them in your prayers as they prepare to take on these important roles.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – Advent Sunday

### **Worship this Christmas and Spring 2021**

Thank you to everyone who has offered feedback on our services this autumn. Two key comments that we have heard have been around a preference for St Stephen's over Emmanuel, and concerns around the 4.00pm start time. In light of this, Nick and the Churchwardens have approached St Stephen's about sharing worship with them at 10.00am. They have indicated that they would be very happy to have us join them and for us to have a mix of Pip and Jim's and St Stephen's styles of worship. We hope that this will give us the opportunity to gather for worship on Sunday mornings in a familiar environment and to make the best use of our shared resources – Clergy included! We will begin this pattern as soon as the current lockdown ends. Hannah will be developing a new rota in the coming weeks to reflect this and will be in touch with volunteers in the usual way. For any periods of lockdown, we will of course revert to a Teamwide online service.

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### **Reordering News & Notices**

#### ***Stepping Stones Appeal***

Thank you to all those who have sponsored stones for our new limestone Church floor. We are now preparing certificates for sponsors, but still have some stones left. At £25 each, these are a good way to commemorate a loved one or special event. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to sponsor a stone.

#### **Aviva Community Fund – Social Media Support**

Our Aviva Community Fund page is now live here: <https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/httpwwwpipandjimsorgukappeal>

If you use social media, please do share this link with your friends to spread the word about our plans for the reordered Church space. Funds raised will provide additional support to our upcoming Community Engagement Officer role.

#### **Ecclesiastical: 12 Days of Giving**

Ecclesiastical Insurance are donating £1000 to 120 nominated charities across the UK and Ireland, over 12 days in December. Each nomination increases a charity's chance of winning these funds, and nominations can be made here:

<https://www.movementforgood.com/12days/>

If you'd like to support Pip and Jim's and our community work plans for 2021, you can do so using Charity Number 1134837. These funds would enable us provide more support in our reordered Church space to vulnerable and isolated people. Thank you.

### **Chair Sponsorship**

We have now ordered the first batch of our lovely new chairs. Please consider sponsoring one, for just £230. There will be a list of sponsors/their nominees on display in the reordered Church. Please email [saintspjleckhampton@gmail.com](mailto:saintspjleckhampton@gmail.com) to reserve your chair. Many thanks. *Peter Cottingham*

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### **Advent & Christmas 2020**

#### **Advent Cryptic Crossword**

Attached with this week's *News for the Pews* is a cryptic crossword with an Advent theme, which you may enjoy having a go at. It comes with a sheet of hints for anyone who gets stuck or needs help getting going. There is a prize suitable for Advent for the first drawn correct entry: - answers to be sent by email to Ian Jones ([athomeimj@aol.com](mailto:athomeimj@aol.com)) by 15<sup>th</sup> December, the solution being published with the following *News*.

#### **Advent Windows**

Every evening in Advent, a new window will light up somewhere in Cheltenham. Can you find them all? Visit <https://cnc.church/advent-windows/> for more information.

#### **Carols by Car Light Event: More Details**

*Love Cheltenham*, an informal grouping of Churches across Cheltenham, will hold drive-in Christmas celebrations at Cheltenham Racecourse on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December, at 4.00pm and 7.00pm, with each service lasting under an hour. Park up in front of a giant screen and tune in on your car radio to sing along to a 'traditional' Carol Service, with a live band and singers leading carols, videoed readers from the local Churches reading the Bible Christmas account, a brief testimony, and a short clear gospel talk.

Each service has space for over 500 cars, but tickets must be booked in advance at <https://lovecheltenham.org/events/>. Entry is free but a minimum donation of £3.00 is suggested, with all proceeds going to Cheltenham Foodbank.

#### ***Away in a Manger Crib Blessing – Help Needed!***

Thank you to all who have volunteered so far for our Christmas Eve crib event. We are still looking for two households to act (one group of shepherds and one group of wise people). We are also looking for 5 more stewards – particularly for the second slot (4.30pm – 6.00pm). Please email [sarah@cnc.church](mailto:sarah@cnc.church) if you are able to assist!