

The Church in Warden Hill

REOPENING for WORSHIP

The lockdown has been a tragic, lonely and frustrating time for so many and we're still working our way through it. Throughout this time, the Church has been meeting in a number of ways, but it has been different and, at times, difficult.

St. Christopher's is now open to visit for prayer and I am looking forward to our church buildings reopening for public worship from **Sunday 6th September**.

Thank you for your patience in this, it has allowed us to complete the appropriate risk assessments and put processes in place to ensure it is as safe a return as possible.

As we return there are a few things to bear in mind, please...

- Wear a face covering inside the building unless you have a valid reason not to.
- Don't arrive too early; the church won't be open until 20 mins before the service starts.
- Use the hand sanitizer upon entry and exit.
- Don't sit in your usual seat; instead follow the advice of the Welcomers to the marked seating.
- Don't hold any long conversations in the building.
- Keep a 2m social distance wherever possible.
- Don't stop by the door on the way out as this might cause some unsafe queuing behind you.
- Enjoy being back at St. Christopher's and with one another.

Unfortunately...

- Singing is not yet allowed, but the organ will be played before, during and after the service.
- There won't be any refreshments after the service; I will let you know when this can be done safely again.

I hope you might feel able to come back, but only if it feels safe for you to do so.

I look forward to seeing you again in person and introducing you to our new Curate, Jacqueline Henson. Until then, please keep safe...

Revd Gary Grady

Arrangements for Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child, Baptism, Confirmation, Banns of Marriage, etc., should be made with Revd Gary Grady.

If you are aware of anyone who is ill, in hospital, or in need of a pastoral visit please contact Clergy, Elders or Readers.

Safeguarding Officer: Debbie Cypher

If you have anything for the Grapevine please send it to

Edna Willcox (grapevine@tcivh.org.uk Tel 510773) by early Wednesday evening.

Website: www.tciwh.org.uk



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(Anglican & URC)

Welcome



THE GRAPEVINE 30th August 2020 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

A Message from Revd Gary

In our gospel reading, Jesus begins to speak in earnest about his death and resurrection. The disciples are still not certain what he's talking about though, because of their preconceived notions of what the Messiah should be! But they *would* have understood being asked to take up their crosses, as this was a common form of execution in Judea under the Romans. Following Jesus means true commitment therefore, and if we try to protect ourselves from this path, then our lives turn inward and we lose our intended purpose for living.

This Sunday

There won't be a live stream service from the South Cheltenham Team this morning due to annual leave being taken by members of the clergy team.

You may want to tune into Gloucester Cathedral or Tewkesbury Abbey instead.

Readings: Romans 12.9-end; Matt 16.21-end

Devotional Bible readings for the coming week

A good way to stay connected is to read the Bible and see what scripture is saying to you each day, and what you might want to pray about.

There is also a live-stream service of Morning Prayer, led by Revd Gary or Revd Nick, weekdays at 9am here: www.stpetersleck.org (scroll to the bottom of the page).

Monday

*Psalm 98
2 Samuel 11
Acts 8.26-end*

Tuesday

*Psalm 106
2 Samuel 12.1-25
Acts 9.1-19a*

Wednesday

*Psalm 111
2 Samuel 15.1-12
Acts 9.19b-31*

Thursday

*Psalm 115
2 Samuel 15.13-end
Acts 9.32-end*

Friday

*Psalm 139
2 Samuel 16.1-14
Acts 10.1-16*

Saturday

*Psalm 121
2 Samuel 17.1-23
Acts 10.17-33*

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GOOD NEWS - AT LAST We are pleased to be able to say that a prospective URC minister will be preaching on 27th September with a view to coming to Cheltenham to become our minister. He will work alongside Gary.

Only URC members will be able to come along to the service which will be held at St. Andrews commencing at 10.30am. This restriction is due to only URC members being able to vote at the church meeting that will follow the shortened service and the Pandemic restrictions. Will URC members please keep this date free—we will be in touch in the next week or so to make any transport arrangements that may be necessary.

Please pray for a successful outcome to this visit **Brian Miles**

MORNING PRAYER This will continue to be live-streamed each day at **9am**. You can tune in www.facebook.com/pipandjims or here: www.stpetersleck.org This will come from Nick's study on a Monday and from one of the following churches throughout the weekwhy not come along in person!

Tue	- St. Christopher's	Thu	- Emmanuel
Wed	- St. Peter's	Fri	- St. Stephen's

RESUMING WORSHIP AT TCIWH

Our first service of worship back at St. Christopher's will be at 10.30am next week, Sunday 6th September.

6th Sept	10.30am	Morning Worship	Revd John Horan
13th Sept	10.30am	URC Holy Communion	Richard Atkins
20th Sept	10.30am	Morning Worship	Rachel Tarling
27th Sept	10.30am	Holy Communion	Revd Gary

There won't be a midweek or Sunday evening service in Warden Hill for a while, but do look out for team evening services which will commence from October. We will also continue to live-stream a Sunday morning service from one of the South Cheltenham Team churches each week. Please see the back page for more information. **Revd Gary.**

SUNDAY LIVE STREAM SERVICE

There won't be a team live-stream service from the South Cheltenham Team this week whilst clergy take some annual leave ahead of reopening for worship. Please see weekly updates for alternative services.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR all who are planning for the resumption of worship in our South Cheltenham churches; our members as they decide if the time is right for them to return to church.

PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR schools as they begin their new term - and those pupils and parents/carers who are anxious; our hall users as they begin their autumn programmes under Covid-19 restrictions.

Weekly Prayer Focus

30th	Bluebell Grove & Lavender Road	3rd	The Mothers' Union
31st	Sissinghurst Grove & Ansell Close	4th	The Bellringers
1st	W Hill, Bettridge & Belmont Schools	5th	Young people's groups
2nd	Home & hospital communicants	6th	Maintenance & Office staff

OPEN FOR PRAYER

St. Christopher's is open to visit for prayer on a Monday, from 2-4pm. A max. of 6 persons are allowed in at any one time and there is 2m social distancing. Thank you to all who have stewarded thus far and to all who have visited since reopening. To note, this will change from a **Monday to a Wednesday** afternoon (still 2-4pm) each week after 6th September, to ensure that the church has been left for 72 hours between usage. **Revd Gary.**

THE COLLECT for the 12th Sunday after Trinity

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES and CELEBRATIONS lets celebrate together

Richard Cypher- birthday on 30th - today

Brian Miles - birthday on 31st August (and that's me)

Edna Willox - birthday on 1st September

Please keep sending birthdays and celebrations in to Grapevine and we can all celebrate together.