

# 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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

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(Anglican & URC)

# Welcome



**THE GRAPEVINE 6th September 2020  
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

### A Message from Revd Gary

In our gospel reading, Jesus offers his disciples both spiritual freedom and the power to restore broken or injured relationships. He makes it clear to his followers that they should *not* tolerate a break-down in the relationships that they have among themselves, and gives them a step by step process to reconciliation, promising to *be* present in this. No-one who is ready to receive forgiveness, healing or restoration is ever refused.

### This Sunday

There will be a service of Morning Worship at St. Christopher's at 10.30am led by Revd John Horan and a live-stream service of Holy Communion at 10am from St. Peter's led by Revd Gary here: [www.stpetersleck.org](http://www.stpetersleck.org)

*Readings: Romans 13.8-end, Matthew 18.15-20.*

### 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. Morning Prayer will continue to be live-streamed at 9am during the week.*

#### Monday

*Psalm 127  
2 Samuel 18.1-18  
Acts 10.34-end*

#### Tuesday

*Psalm 132  
2 Samuel 18.19-19.8a  
Acts 11.1-18*

#### Wednesday

*Psalm 119.153-end  
2 Samuel 19.8b-23  
Acts 11.19-end*

#### Thursday

*Psalm 143  
2 Samuel 19.24-end  
Acts 12.1-17*

#### Friday

*Psalm 144  
2 Samuel 23.1-7  
Acts 12.18-end*

#### Saturday

*Psalm 147  
2 Samuel 24  
Acts 13.1-12*

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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](http://www.facebook.com/pipandjims) or here: [www.stpetersleck.org](http://www.stpetersleck.org) This will come from Nick's study on a Monday and from one of the following churches throughout the week ....why 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 this Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> September, then as follows:

6th Sept	10.30am	Morning Worship	Revd John Horan
13th Sept	10.30am	URC Holy Communion	Rev 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 on our return to worship. **Revd Gary.**

**SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY** The URC celebrates it's 60th anniversary in Warden Hill on 10th September. It was originally opened in 1960 as the Congregational Church and later became the United Reformed Church and then more recently part of The Church in Warden Hill.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR** all who will be continuing to join in worship on-line; all those who have offered to help making a return to worship in our team churches possible.

**PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR** those who have problems with body, mind or spirit, that they might find comfort; those who have died, and those who mourn their loss.

### Weekly Prayer Focus

6th	Maintenance & Office staff	10th	Messy Church
7th	Housebound & lonely	11th	All with mental health problems
8th	St. Andrew's, Ramallah	12th	Playgroup
9th	Youth Worker	13th	Brizen Centre users

### **OPEN FOR PRAYER**

St. Christopher's is open to visit for prayer on a **Wednesday** 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. **Revd Gary.**

### **THE COLLECT for the 13th Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and all of our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES and CELEBRATIONS** lets celebrate together

Sylvia Ansett-Lucas- birthday on 6th

Heather Lovett - birthday on 7th

Joyce Smith - birthday on 8th

### **BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES**

Daphne Oliver 1st

Daniel Robert Smith 4th

Please pray for those Baptised in St. Christopher's as they continue on their journey in faith.