

The Church in Warden Hill

SUNDAY LIVE STREAMS

The South Cheltenham Team will continue to live stream a service each Sunday from one of the churches; this can be accessed via www.facebook.com/pipandjims or www.stpetersleck.org if not on social media.

PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARIES SOUTH CHELTENHAM TEAM PICNIC

Next Sunday, 1st August, 12.30pm at Naunton Park Muuga A social gathering with outdoor activities for young and old alike, weather/restrictions permitting.

FROM REG AND ISABEL HITCHINGS Many of you will know that Jeremy was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma in early January 2021. Following short courses of Chemotherapy and Radiography he has now been given the all clear. He asked that we pass this good news on to the Church Community and we and he thank you for your sympathy and prayers over the period. He should be able to resume his flying career in about 4 months.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR AT PIP AND JIM'S Earlier this year Pip and Jim's reopened as a vibrant new community space & church. We are now looking for a new member of our team to work alongside our Community Engagement Officer, Team Rector and dedicated team of volunteers, to provide administrative support to the Team Rector & churchwardens to ensure the smooth running of St Philip and St James, Leckhampton. 25 hrs/week @ £10.50/hour. Closing date: 30th July. For more information email: info@pipandjims.org.uk

WEDNESDAY SOCIAL GROUP - WE WILL BE BACK in September. The committee has decided that we will restart the Group on 8th September at 2pm. The first meeting will be a 'welcome back' one. Book the date and come along and renew friendships.

LEP REVIEW UPDATE Thank you to everyone who completed a questionnaire a couple of months ago, those responses have now been collated. Bishop Anthony and Revd Colin Ofor finishing off their discussions with local stakeholders, including the school heads and councilors, and there will be a final chance to speak them both after the service this Sunday, 25th July, over a coffee.

Arrangements for Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child, Baptism, Confirmation, Banns of Marriage, etc., should be made with Revd Gary Grady or Revd Iain McLaren
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
Brian Miles (grapevine@tciwh.org.uk Tel 862142) by midday on Wednesday.
Church website: www.tciwh.org.uk



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(Anglican & URC)

Welcome



THE GRAPEVINE 25th JULY 2021 THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion will be held at St. Christopher's at 10.30am
and will be led by Revd Gary Grady

Readings:

Acts 11.27—12.2

Matthew 20.20-28

Hymns:

281 He who would valiant be

Sheet The Lord's my shepherd

503 O Jesus I have promised (omit v2 and 3)

The Collect for the 8th Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Morning Prayer

TEAM MORNING PRAYER 9am DAILY

www.facebook.com/pipandjims or www.stpetersleck.org

You can attend in person as follows:

Mondays at Pip & Jim's, Tuesdays at St. Christopher's Wednesdays at Emmanuel
and Thursdays at St. Peter's.

Services for July

25th 10.30am Holy Communion Revd Gary Grady

Services for Early August

1st 10.30am Morning Worship Pam Dainton

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LIFTING RESTRICTIONS

As we start to lift the restrictions, which have been in place for over 16 months, there will be those among us who will welcome this move and others who won't. This is a landscape which we will need to live well together as we all make individual choices.

What we are *not* doing is being released to 'go back' to what used to be the norm; that is no longer the present and we should not think that we can simply pick up where we left off. Instead, I hope we will commit ourselves to shaping a new future; one which recognises the pain and brokenness that some are feeling, one which respects the exhaustion many are experiencing, one which acknowledges the fear and anxiety in our communities, and one which also sees the joy of those are able to live without restriction once again. Bishop Rachel writes:

"Just as at the start of lockdown many people immediately thought of neighbours and those who are vulnerable and sought to offer support, so too we now need to be paying great attention to all those around us with various vulnerabilities and fears, not least in our worshipping communities and local contexts. What does it mean for us to be the body of Christ as we live the weeks ahead?"

Furthermore, as we saw at the beginning of lockdown, in March 2020, people respond in different ways due to their circumstances, personalities and experiences. There will be those who are longing simply to live as before with no physical distancing or face coverings and who will delight at being in a crowd once again. There will also be those who are anxious, not least those who are still not fully vaccinated, and those with particular personal and family health situations.

Whilst it is true that going forward we need to enable one another to live with the realities of a virus which is not going to suddenly disappear, and not be driven by fear, we do also need to be sensible, cautious and compassionate as we continue to live this next season one step at a time.

This is the 'story' into which we are emerging, and every thread of it is a significant one. Jesus' focus was always on God and the Kingdom, and his activity rooted in love and prayer. This is a good model for us right now, as we discern our new normal.

Rev'd Gary.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR all families , pupils, carers and school staff as they organise the next few weeks: after the last year they've experienced may they be able to have a refreshing break.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR all suffering in body, mind or spirit; those who have died and those mourning the loss of loved ones.

R.I.P. Alan Burns, brother of Daryl died on 14th July.

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

25th	Faithfull House / Care Homes	29th	Emergency Services
26th	Persecuted Christians	30th	Open the Book
27th	Ecumenical Council & PCC	31st	Homeless & Unemployed
28th	Little Shepherds	1st	Salisbury Avenue & Katharine Court

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES and CELEBRATIONS let's celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries of those who have them this week. Rev'd Nick Davies has a birthday on 27th. Happy birthday Nick.

Please let me know of any future birthdays and celebrations so that we can celebrate together.

Brian Miles

STUDY DISCUSSION ON WEDNESDAYS On line. A series of discussions based on the Emmaus Course. 8pm on zoom. <https://zoom.us/j/96204565714?pwd=Rm1iZ01ZWkpYNmVvbXZScFJlSWgyUT09> Meeting ID: 962 0456 5714 Passcode: 108557 Zoom Host: Rev Iain There is only one more session next Wednesday. Everyone welcome.

NEW - COVID RESTRICTIONS

The Church in Warden Hill will be cautiously lifting the current restrictions from 19th July. The church will be open again during the week and singing will be permissible from 25th July, however, we would ask that those attending still track and trace for a while longer, use the hand gel before entering, consider wearing a face mask during services (although this is of course now optional), and continue to socially distance and respect others' space. Other aspects of church life, including refreshments after the service, social groups and midweek services, will be considered after the summer. If you or a member of your family or household feels unwell, please do not attend.