

Sue's News

We are really excited to tell you that we will be having a service in Church on Sunday, 2 August at 9.45am which Frances will be leading.

There will, of course, be lots of regulations around this which members of the PCC will be organising on the day.

It is important to note that we think 30 is the maximum we can manage on this first time and under current rules **so I would be grateful if you could indicate to me if you are planning to attend** so we can get an idea of numbers and if we will have to say no to some people.

It will be a short service with no congregational singing.

Leslie will play at the start of the service and there may be a lone singer in the Chancel.

The service will be short and there will be communion but only the wafer.

There is to be no hanging about after the service and definitely no refreshments. The toilets will also not be available.

We will be obliged to take your names and contact details in case we need to contact you urgently post the service.

We have sanitiser available and the Church is cleaned regularly under the 72 hour rule.

The service will be displayed on the screen to avoid use of sheets .

You will notice on entering the Church that it is very bare as we have had to store the books etc and there is red and white tape.

Please observe the rules and no go areas. This may all seem a lot but at least we can have a service

Church Opening

The Church has been open for the last weeks for private prayer and the timings were arranged to keep to the 72hour rule.

The Church will NOT be open on 31.7.20

The Service will be at 9.45am on 2.8.20

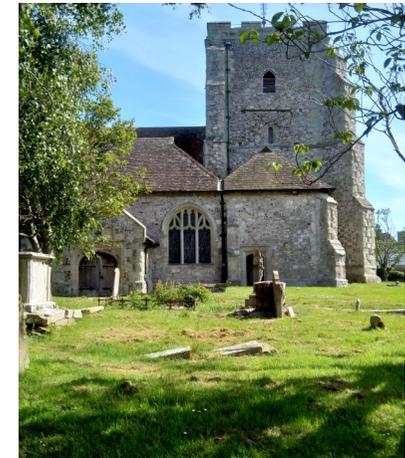
Thereafter the Church will be open during the week on WEDNESDAYS from 2-5pm (NB not on Wed 5th August) and Sundays for Services (we hope)

If you have any questions drop me a line and do let me know if you plan to attend on 2.8.20

Your own Notes



ST MARY'S CHURCH WESTHAM AUGUST 2020



From this month's readings:

The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.

The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises, and faithful in all he does.

The Lord upholds all who fall, and lifts up all who are bowed down.

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

From Psalm 145

Final date for copy for the **September** newsletter:
Thursday 20th August

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please let me know**

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Sunday services for August

Sunday 2nd *

9.45 am Service with Holy Communion

Readings; Isaiah 55:1-5 [Psalm 145: 8,9 & 15-end](#)

Rom 9:1-5 Matt 14: 13-21

Sunday 9th *

9.45 am Service with Holy Communion

Readings: 1 Kings 19: 9-18 [Psalm 85:8-13](#)

Rom 10: 5-15 Matt 14: 22-33

Readings for Evensong

1 Kings 11:41 -12:20 [Psalm 86](#)

Acts 14: 8-20 *Gospel*: John 6:35,41-51

Sunday 16th: *

9.45 am Service with Holy Communion

Readings Isaiah 56: 1,6-8 [Psalm 67](#)

Rom 11: 1-2a,29-32 Matt 15:21-28

Sunday 23rd: *

9.45 am Service with Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 51:1-6 [Psalm 138](#)

Rom 12:1-8 Matt 16:13-20

Sunday 30th: *

9.45 am Service with Holy Communion

Readings: Jer 15: 15-21 [Psalm 26:1-8](#)

Rom 12: 9-end Matt 16:21-end

Father God in heaven

(taken from The Lord's Prayer to the tune
Kumbaya)

Father God in heaven
Lord most high:
hear your children's prayer
Lord most high:
hallowed be your name
Lord most high -

O Lord, hear our prayer

May your kingdom come
here on earth:
May your will be done
here on earth
As it is in heaven,
so on earth -

O Lord hear our prayer

Give us daily bread
day by day,
And forgive our sins
day by day,
As we too forgive
day by day -

O Lord, hear our prayer

Lead us in your way
make us strong
When temptations come
make us strong
Save us from all sin
keep us strong -

O Lord, hear our prayer

All things come from you
all are yours-
Kingdom, glory, power
all are yours
Take our lives and gifts
all are yours -

O Lord, hear our prayer AMEN

Prayer and Praise

Please continue to pray for our church family especially those in particular need:

Father in Heaven, we ask for your blessings on our church family and especially at this time we pray for Dennis and Elizabeth, Angela, Janet and George, Sue and Andrew, Sue and Steve, Michael and Kay, Joyce and Dennis, Terry, Freda, Doreen, Daphne, Geraldine, Kathy Carter, Gill and Cynthia, Yvonne and Martin, Jenny and Julia, Joyce and Bruce, Sue Clark and Sandra Johnson. We ask for your special blessing on Elizabeth and the Morley family, Matthew and Ellie Hoadley, on Ray, and we pray that Jackie may rest in peace.

Lord in your mercy..... hear our prayer.

Also for your prayers:

The **service** to be held on August 2nd and thereafter within the restrictions now in place. (see Sue's News)

The **future of the church** here in Westham at this time of so much uncertainty, and especially for Revd Frances, Val and Sue, our church wardens and for the PCC.

The **Government**, Prime Minister and Cabinet, Members of Parliament, scientists, and all in leadership who have to make such major decisions

Loving Lord, we give thanks for all the key workers who are continuing to work for us during these hazardous times. The NHS and all the health care workers, the emergency services, ambulance, police and fire. We also offer thanks for all those who have continued to quietly continue their work for our benefit. The postman, the bin men, the silent workers who make sure we have water, gas and electricity, the farmers, the fishermen, the factory workers, and the many who make sure there is food on the shop shelves, the shop owners who risk infection by opening their small shops for us. (we in Westham especially thank Pritty and Kishaw) and so many more. Now the restrictions are beginning to lift we pray for the safety of them all, that they may not put themselves or others at risk.

Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer

Lord, we pause – waiting for your presence, waiting for your voice, waiting for you to renew our strength. Draw near to us Lord, as we draw near to you.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

* please be aware that things may change and make sure you let Sue Davies know if you plan to attend-see Sue's News