

Nork with Burgh Heath Parish News and Updates - Wednesday 24 June 2020

Dear Church Family Members and Parish Friends,

Hoping you are all remaining safe and well - and that you have been able to enjoy the sunshine, which has been back this week!

This Vicar updates/ Parish news contains the following:

- a) An update on the journey to the churches beginning to re-open **and a survey for you to complete to provide key information to help with our next steps as a parish**
- b) Information on our new 'Zoom Parish Prayers'
- c) Information on other Zoom events this coming week
- d) A link to a 7 minute video-overview of the book of Jeremiah (our current sermon series is based on this book)
- e) News from Keith and Rosie Ketchum

As always, please do keep in touch.

Love and prayers,

Alex

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a) The Journey to our Churches beginning to re-open & a survey for you to complete to help with our next steps as a parish:

Wonderfully, a short while ago, the Government announced that churches can begin (when they are ready) to open for private prayer. This week it has also announced that (*when they are ready*, after the 4th July), churches can begin to be open on Sundays for services - though these will (at the current time) be for limited numbers, socially distanced, and rather different to the usual forms of worship which we have previously been used to.

We are working on plans for both of these and more information will follow on this.

In order to help with our planning, it would be very helpful if you could click on the following link and spend a few minutes answering the questions in this brief survey (it takes about 2 minutes to complete, so please do it now if you can!) by Sunday 28th

June: <https://forms.gle/zWVvQx9S5Jwew1TaA>

b) New Zoom PARISH prayers

A number of us have appreciated meeting for St. Paul's / St. Mary's prayers fortnightly via Zoom for the last few months and have all agreed that it would be good to continue this, but that making it parish prayers (rather than prayers for each church) is a great next step for growing together as family and further developing our unity.

The first two of these Zoom Parish Prayer meetings will be on Wednesday 1st and Wednesday 15th July, both at 3.30pm - and there is an opportunity to sign up through answering the survey above.

c) Other Zoom events in the next week:

Sunday 28th June, 9 am: Parish Said Service via Zoom

Tuesday 30th June, 8pm: Alpha 4 'Why and how do I pray?/ Why & how do I read the Bible?'

Please do email me and let me know if you would like to be sent the link for either of these. (This is not needed for those of you who are already attending, as I will automatically email you the information as usual).

d) A 7 minute overview of the book of Jeremiah:

There has been some very positive feedback on current mini sermon series on Jeremiah. As some of you have commented, it is quite a 'meaty' series!

For anyone who is interested, the following link (from 'The Bible Project') gives a 7 minute overview of the book of Jeremiah which helps put our sermons in a wider context: <https://bibleproject.com/videos/jeremiah/>

e) News from Keith and Rosie Ketchum

I am delighted to attach the Ketchum's latest newsletter. Keith and Rosie are extended church family members, having been mission partners previously. They are very well known at St. Mary's and St. Paul's members have also enjoyed two visits from them in the last year.

Love and prayers,
Alex

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