

Newsletter August 2020



Remaining church, in community with each other

As we move into August and lockdown begins to ease, we wanted to update you and make sure you knew what was happening. Much of what we have been doing will continue, but we emerge from lockdown into a new world with hope and with the knowledge that God goes before us.

What's new?

A 9am service in Church each Sunday

This will be a said communion service. All are welcome, but no one should feel any pressure to come. Please see the attached letter from Richard for the additional measures we will be taking to make sure all are safe.

Alongside these things, there is also the **Super Summer Spectacular** for our children to take part in at home, and some **physically distanced socials** planned for our young people .

Thank you to Lynne and the rest of the team for making sure our children and young people can continue to connect and grow in their faith safely through this time.

A Time to Chat

A time to actually meet together in the church gardens to chat. Bring your own drink (and cake if you would like!) and join us in a safe space for a physically distanced, but socially together time.

This will take place on Thursday 13th August 2020 and Thursday 27th August 2020 between 2 and 4pm.

Please ensure that, in line with government guidance, a mask is worn at all indoor events unless you are exempt from doing so.

What's carrying on?

Online service at 10am each Sunday

Our online service will continue to be the main service where we would expect most people to engage with the worship and community of Christ Church.

It can be found on our YouTube channel and the link is posted each week on Facebook, Twitter and our website. (Search 'Christ Church Dartford' on any of the platforms.)

If you would like to be involved in the service then please let us know. We love to see more faces in these services!

Private Personal Prayer

The Church will continue to open for private prayer, although the timings will change.

From the start of August we will open each Wednesday 2pm-4pm. Please note that we will no longer open on a Saturday.

Telephone Service, but at a NEW TIME of 11am each Sunday

This is a service with liturgy, the Bible reading and a talk. There is also a chance to pray together.

To access this first ring 0333 011 0616 and you will be asked to type in an access code number. Type in 1038685 followed by a # (it asks for a £ but most phones have #). You will then be asked to speak your name, followed by #, and this will be announced to the other listeners as you join the conversation. It costs a standard call rate, at the end just hang up.

Alongside these services we continue to support each other and hold each other together through this time. If you need additional support then please do contact us.

A Time of Hope

During lockdown Olu Ogunoye, in his role as church warden, arranged the replacement of the cross on the roof above the altar at Christ Church. The old cross had weathered and rain was entering the roof through the gap that had been created - hence the need for a replacement. This came at a significant time for us - just as we are planning to re-open the church for prayer. This new cross is a tangible symbol of a new beginning, a sign of hope and a call to prayer, putting Christ at the centre of our lives and community!



Don't forget that the Church of England continues to run the Daily Hope phonenumber which is available 24/7.



Service Plan

Date	Bible Reading	Theme	Leader 9am In church	Leader 10am Online	Leader 11am Telephone
2nd August	Luke 12:13-34	True Security	N/a	Olu Ogunoye	Rev Richard Mortimer
9th August	Luke 12:35-59	Watchfulness	Rev Richard Mortimer	Adina Abraham-Rolands	Rev Richard Mortimer
16th August	Luke 13:1-17	Sabbath	Rev Laura Faturoti	Rev Richard Mortimer	Rev Laura Faturoti
23rd August	Luke 13:18-35	The Narrow Door	Rev Laura Faturoti	Sharon Jarvis	Rev Laura Faturoti
30th August	Luke 14:1-24	Lessons from Banquets	Rev Richard Mortimer	Rev Laura Faturoti	Rev Richard Mortimer
6th Sept	Luke 14:25-35	Counting the Cost	Rev Laura Faturoti	Rev Richard Mortimer	Rev Richard Mortimer
13th Sept	Luke 15:1-10	Lost and Found	Rev Richard Mortimer	Rev Laura Faturoti	Rev Richard Mortimer

Prayer Diary

Sunday	Our leaders Richard, Laura and Lynne and their families, thank God for all that they do and ask for wisdom and support in their ministries
Monday	All Christ Church members, ask God to protect them, keep them safe and sane!
Tuesday	Those living alone that they may be comforted in their isolation in the knowledge that God is with them and holding their loved ones in His hands
Wednesday	Our children and young people whose lives have changed inexplicably, ask that God provides people to love, listen and hug them in these times
Thursday	All Key Workers as they care for the vulnerable, thank God for their skills and love as they care for others
Friday	Those that you know who are unwell or vulnerable at this time.....
Saturday	Yourselves, ask God to support and guide you through these times...

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Please note that the office line is not manned, please leave a message and someone will get back to you.