



CORONAVIRUS (Covid-19)

Following advice issued to all parishes by the Archbishops of the Church of England on 17th March, and discussion at PCC, St George's Edgbaston has suspended all public services. We shall open the church between 10.30 am and 11.30 am on Sunday 22nd March for private prayer and will consider how we might open the church for private prayer on a regular basis.

Mothering Sunday The fourth Sunday in Lent:

22nd March 2020

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Service Suspended until further notice
10.30am	Sung Eucharist	Service Suspended until further notice
6.00pm	Night Prayer	Service Suspended until further notice

SPACE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

We have set aside the Lady Chapel for private prayer.

Please observe social distancing by keeping at least 2 metres apart. You will find soap for hand-washing in the lavatories and hand gel on the table at the back of church.

Catch it – sneeze into a tissue.

Bin it – bin the tissue.

Kill it – wash your hands.

Do not touch your face unless you've washed your hands.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The World

God of love and hope,
you made the world and care for all creation,
but the world feels strange right now.
The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.
Some people are worried that they might get ill.
Others are anxious for their family and friends.
Be with them and help them to find peace.
We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,
and all who are working to discover the right medicines
to help those who are ill.
Thank you that even in these anxious times,
you are with us.
Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe.

Amen.

Those who are ill:

Andrew Dunn	Miroslava Blahova
John Wynn	Jo Cox
Nick Sales	Margaret Smith
Pam Knight	Priscilla White
Carol Smith	Ken Lee
Esme Sands	Natalie Paul
Martin Tingle	Anne Phelps
Frank Drake	

Rest in peace:

Doreen Harrison
Jim Brackley
Ray Fiveash
Margaret Sumner

A prayer for the week

We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own
safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours'
safety.
We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are,
whatever it costs
For as long as it takes
wherever you call us.

Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference

FELIX ALEXANDER MAGRO

Congratulations to Jessica and Michael Magro (married at St George's in 2015) on the birth of a son Felix Alexander on 12th March. A brother for Phoebe.

MARGARET SUMNER R.I.P.

We learned this week of the death of Margret Sumner and our thoughts are with Neil on the loss of his mother with our deepest sympathy.

DOREEN HARRISON R.I.P.

It is with sorrow that we report the death on February 1st of Doreen Harrison. Doreen was the wife of Dr. Geoff Harrison, and a very Senior Midwife who trained many midwives at the Womens' Hospital. She and Geoff were delighted to celebrate their Diamond Wedding in the Spring of 2019. Please keep Geoff, Jane, Robert, Sarah and family in your thoughts and prayers.

JIM BRACKLEY R.I.P.

We are sorry to announce the death, on Saturday 22nd February, of Jim Brackley, long-serving member of the congregation, in his 94th year. Many will remember him offering to operate the clicker counters at the door of church, and his wonderful tales of war service and a rural childhood.

ANNE KENRICK

Anne Kenrick has moved to a lovely care home near Burford in the Cotswolds where her son will be nearby. We will miss Anne's connection with St George's as a near neighbour and supporter and her tales of her rich history from childhood days in Malaya and in Birmingham in its manufacturing heyday.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW VICAR

At the formal Section 11 meeting on Tuesday 18th February, the PCC chose the wardens, Nick Gibbs and Keith Uff, as the parish representatives in the appointment process. Copies of the parish statement, effectively the job advertisement, are available for inspection on the website or on request to the wardens. We are preparing for interviews at the end of this month.

DEPARTURE OF JULIAN & JANE FRANCIS

The Venerable Julian Francis and Jane Francis are no longer in residence at St George's vicarage and have moved to a new home in Walsall. The vicarage is empty - if you notice any activity there please report it to the wardens.

RAICHELLE & MICHAEL GET MARRIED

Raichelle Jukes and Michael Pritchard are to get married at St George's on Saturday 4th April at 1.30 pm. Following new advice this week, the marriage party is limited to the five essential participants (Priest (Reverend John Flitcroft), Bride, Bridegroom and their witnesses). Raichelle and Michael have kindly changed their previous invitation to attend the service to an invitation to attend a celebration of their first wedding anniversary on 10th April, 2021.

LUNCHTIME RECITAL

We regret that the recitals are suspended during the Coronavirus outbreak

THE FRIENDSHIP PLACE

We regret that The Friendship Place is suspended during the Coronavirus outbreak.

CHRISTIAN AID

Dr Jane Darnton has told us that the Christian Aid week door-to-door collection cannot take place during the period of social isolation and sadly the ever popular soup lunch and Friday evening quiz are also victims.

MASONRY WORK RESUMES AT SOUTH PORCH

Following the search for a suitable bed of Hollington Sandstone to match the masonry of the church, the stone has been sourced and work has now resumed to replace weathered masonry at the South Porch. The South Door will remain closed while this work continues. We shall be using the West Door as our main entrance. A ramp will be in place to maintain accessibility. Please take care and ask for assistance if necessary.