



CHURCH DURING LOCKDOWN

St George's remains an open and welcoming community during these difficult times, while public services are suspended until December. Church is open for individual prayer twice a week. All are welcome. On Sunday there is a live-streamed Eucharist at 10.30am. We will also meet regularly via Zoom for fellowship; details will be published on the pewsheets each week. The Vicar remains available for pastoral care and conversation by telephone. We continue in prayer for the nation, for an end to the pandemic, for the sick, and for key workers.

Remembrance Sunday

8th November 2020

8.00am **Mattins (BCP) by telephone conference call**

Jenny Uff

10.30am **Eucharist—includes Act of Remembrance
Live-streamed via [facebook.com/stgeorgesedgbaston](https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgesedgbaston)**

Fr Sam
Preacher Jenny Uff

12pm **Zoom Coffee & Conversation online**
All welcome, email Fr Sam for a link.

7pm **Mystery of Faith discussion group on Zoom**
All welcome, email Fr Sam for a link.

In the Coming Week

Thursday mornings
Wednesdays at 9.30am
Saturday mornings

Church is open for individual prayer from 9.30am until Midday.
Prayers on Zoom *contact Eve Kirby to join the group.*
Church is open for individual prayer from 10am until Midday.

Next Sunday - Second before Advent

8.00am *Mattins (BCP) by telephone conference call*
10.30am *Eucharist live-streamed online*

15th November 2020

Jenny Uff
Fr Sam

PLEASE PRAY FOR

For our bishops and archbishops, and all faith leaders, supporting their congregations in worship and service.
For those with power and influence, whether political, practical or through media.
For all worried about livelihoods, safety, or the care of family members.
For food banks and other provision for the needy.

For our faith as a congregation, that we may sense the presence of God, however we are able to worship, and to share his love with those with whom we are in contact.

Those who are ill:

John Wynn
Nick Sales
Carol Smith
Jayne Mertling-Blake
Valentyna Milward
Janet Taylor
Esme Sands

Miroslava Blahova
Jo Cox
Margaret Smith
Ken Lee
Natalie Paul
Anne Phelps
Mary Howard
Christopher Burt

RIP

Pam Knight

Prayer for the Week:

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations: through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

WITH SYMPATHY

We have been given sad news that Pam Knight passed away on Monday night, 26 October, at home. Pam was a much valued and appreciated member of the cleaning team. We offer our condolences to her friends and family.

MATTINS BY CONFERENCE CALL

Jenny Uff will be leading Mattins (BCP) at 8am this Sunday by teleconference. The arrangements for joining the call will be similar to those used in the Meetupcall 8am phone conference services between April and July but enhanced with options for joining online.

The instructions and PIN codes for joining using Microsoft Teams will be sent out as a separate email message on Saturday morning. You can join the service on a computer via a web link, or you can download the Teams app on your computer or smartphone, or you can join by dialling 0121 720 3377 on any telephone. We do not have a freephone number available so please be aware of the cost of calls to 0121 numbers in your call plan.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you help us keep St George's open as a place of prayer during lockdown? We need two volunteers for each opening period, on Thursday and Saturday mornings. If you can help, please email Fr Sam.

NURTURE GROUP

A small group exploring Christian belief using the book *The Mystery of Faith* by John-Francis Friendship will meet each Sunday on Zoom at 7pm. It is still open to new members, if you would like to join speak to Fr Sam. Please pray for the group that it would be fruitful for those involved.

CHARLOTTE GIBSON

We are delighted to announce that Charlotte, who is currently one of our parish ordinands, will serve her title post at St Peter's, Harborne. She will take up this post when she is ordained deacon in the summer of 2021. Please pray for Charlotte, Revd Kate Stowe and for the parish of St Peter's.

VICAR ON RETREAT

This week the Vicar is on retreat from Monday 9th-Saturday 14th inclusive and will not be available. For any pastoral needs please contact the office in the first instance who will be able to direct you to the right person.

ANNE KENRICK

Caroline recently received a message from Anne's son John, who has emailed 'It was a lovely idea to remember Mum at All Souls. Please pass on my thanks to the congregation. I am sure Mum will be supervising the poppy display from above!

NOAH'S FLOOD IN THE JUDAIC TRADITION

Birmingham CCJ will be holding the third of their online sessions discussing the story of Noah's flood on Tuesday 10th November at 7.30 pm. Rabbi Dr Margaret Jacobi will be speaking on *The Flood and Justice in the Talmud*. As usual, there will be time for questions and discussion Please contact Jenny Uff for log-on details.

COVID-19 UPDATE

During the current lockdown, public worship is paused which means our church services will not be able to go ahead. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, along with many other national faith leaders, have called on the government to allow worship to continue. However, unless the legislation is amended we must abide by the law.

As Christians we have an important role to play in praying for the country and its leaders in this difficult time, and setting an example of calm, compassion and courage. The Archbishops have called upon us to use November as a month of prayer, an opportunity to commit ourselves afresh to Christ. Online resources for each day can be found at <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/call-prayer-nation>

FUTURE NOTABLE DATES

Christ the King	22nd November
Advent Sunday	29th November

PARISH MAGAZINE AND PEW SHEET

Material for the parish magazine should be submitted to Justin Pinkess by TODAY to be included in the December edition. The deadline for Pew Sheet items are Wednesdays at 10am.