



The Parish of Gornal and Sedgley

Registered Charity Number 1179471



All Saints' Sedgley, St Andrew the Straits and St Peter Upper Gornal

NOTICE SHEET - Sunday 24th May 2020

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

As we explore what it means to do church differently, we will continue to send you electronically the Sunday Readings for your personal use.

If you are aware of people at the moment that may benefit from receiving this notice sheet and the readers sheet, please let us know.

Currently all church groups including all children's and young people groups are postponed until we receive new advice from the Church of England and the government

NOTICES FOR THE WHOLE PARISH

SHARED WORSHIP THIS WEEK

As we continue in lockdown, we have slowly been able to meet in various ways (in the virtual sense) for prayer and fellowship. The following services will take place on Zoom or Facebook and most will also be available on our parish web site afterwards. If you would like advice on how to get Zoom please speak to Catherine or Guy. For Zoom services and meetings an invitation will be sent to all 3 email News Groups.

The Liturgy, if applicable, will be available on the website.

Sunday

9:30am Holy Communion – this will be 'live' on Zoom and then posted on Facebook and our website and will last about 20 minutes.

10:30am prayer/worship - praying through the Sunday liturgy individually but hopefully at the same time! – This is available through the email News Groups and includes links to hymns and a printed sermon and is usually emailed out on the Saturday before.

11:30am Zoom coffee fellowship – bring your own coffee to your computer and see and hear some of your church friends; for about 40 minutes.

4 pm Singing Angels on Zoom and then via the website. This is an encouraging and lively session!

6:30pm Compline on Zoom, about 20 minutes. A quiet and reflective service.

Tuesday

2:30pm Prayer meeting on Zoom – about 30 minutes following the Prayer in Isolation leaflet.

Thursday

8pm Fellowship Group on Zoom and open to all. We will spend some time with each other and reflect on a scripture reading.

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday

9:15am Parish Prayer on Zoom – an informal time of prayer as when we're meeting in our buildings, where we share the Gospel reading for the day and pray quietly for about 15 minutes.

SOME GOOD NEWS!

Over the last couple of years Claire Cox has been exploring a call from God to ordained ministry. I am really pleased to be able share that Claire heard from Bishop John on Thursday the 21st May that she has been selected for training for ordination. Please pray for Claire, Paul, Amelia and Albert as Claire now explores where she will study and for the whole family as they work out the practicalities of what this means for them all.
Guy

DAILY HOPE 0800 804 8044

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has launched a free national phone line as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus.

Daily Hope, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

Options available include materials also available digitally by the Church of England's Communications team such as [Prayer During the Day and Night Prayer](#), updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England [weekly national online service](#).

A section called Hymn Line offers callers a small selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love', provides a hymn and reflection and is based on an initiative by the Connections group.

This may be helpful for those who cannot access services and resources on line, please share information with your friends and family.

NOTICE SHEET – if anyone has anything they would like to share with the newsgroups please let me know. It would be nice to know what you are all doing through these difficult times and we can share it with each other.

PARISH EMAIL NEWS GROUPS

Each of our churches has an email news group. If you know of anyone who would benefit from being on the news groups please ask them to let John Anderson or Guy know. treasurer@allsaintssedgley.co.uk

WE HAVE A TEAM OF PEOPLE TELEPHONING PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT ON EMAIL.

Thank you to everyone as you contact each other and encourage each other. We have a team of people telephoning those not on email. If you are aware of anyone who might have been missed or simply would appreciate a telephone call please let Guy, Catherine or Jan know.

DUDLEY BOROUGH BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR THOSE WHO ARE SOCIALLY ISOLATED AT THIS TIME.

Dudley Council for Voluntary Service have been tasked with co-ordinating a telephone befriending scheme for the borough and have been working with key individuals from churches, agencies and community groups to make this happen. Guy has been asked to be a local co-ordinator. If you would like to be part of this which would mean telephone contact with a person in isolation, please let Guy know by email. The demand is not likely to be heavy at this time.

REGULAR GIVING. A number of regular givers have changed their giving to electronic transfer for which I am extremely grateful. Similarly a number have used their daily walk to drop an envelope to me at home (9 Radnor Rd) or the Parish Office - again much appreciated. Notwithstanding I am accruing a large deficit. To put this into context regular giving enables payment of the Parish Quota which pays clergy salaries. Would it be helpful for me to pick up? - If I can arrange a number of collections on a route - i.e. leave on your threshold under a stone, if we can agree a day. Give me a ring on 01902 677666 or email treasurer@allsaintssedgley.co.uk. Many thanks John

FUNERALS – the funeral of the late Alice Lilian Bradley will take place at Beacon Hill on the 27th May and on the 28th at Gornal Wood the funerals of the late Dorothy Dunning, Robert John Marsh and Malcolm James Parkes. Our thoughts and prayers go to all of their families at this difficult time.

FUNERAL SERVICES AT GORNAL WOOD

We continue to pray for all who are bereaved and grieving the loss of a loved one. You may have heard various stories or rumours about funeral services at Gornal Wood, so we thought it might be helpful for you to have some accurate information which you can share with family and friends if needs be!

A maximum of 10 mourners will be allowed to attend cremation services at the crematoria and at grave- side burials. In most instances this will be the immediate family of the deceased. It is for each family to determine who attends.

Social distancing must be observed.

Funeral Director bearers must convey the coffin from the hearse to the catafalque and exit the chapel before mourners can enter.

All funeral services in the chapel will need to have curtains closed at the committal.

You can find full details of the current advice to churches on the internet at this address:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

We have included the links below, but you can access all these resources via the link above!

Digital resources - What is currently available?

There are a range of new and existing Christian resources available for people to engage with at this difficult and challenging time in the life of the nation and the world:

- **Weekly service broadcasts** – please search on the internet and you will find services being broadcast. We hope to try ‘streaming’ as a Parish, but are not quite there yet! Please pray for this.
- **Time to Pray app** - everything you need for Prayer During the Day, with variations according to the day of the week and the season of the Church’s year here: <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>.
- **Daytime prayer and Night prayer service audio** - building on the existing [daily prayer feed](#), this includes [daytime prayer and night prayer for each day](#). It will be available as a downloadable app in the coming weeks.
- **Live streaming services from churches** - AChurchNearYou.com now lists hundreds of churches offering livestreams of services from across the country. Churches need to add the 'Livestream' tag to their services and events that will be broadcast. Remember to add into the description how people can watch this. You add a link to the platform you're using to stream, such as your Facebook Page or YouTube Channel.
- **#LiveLent: Care for God's Creation** - the Church of England's Lent campaign for 2020. With weekly themes shaped around the first Genesis account of creation, it explores the urgent need for humans to value and protect the abundance God has created. This daily audio content is available via the app and daily emails. [Sign up for free https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/living-out-our-faith/lent-holy-week-and-easter/livelent-care-gods-creation](https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/living-out-our-faith/lent-holy-week-and-easter/livelent-care-gods-creation)
- **The BBC's Daily Service and Sunday Worship** - radio programmes will be using some of the [themes from #LiveLent as part of their broadcasts](#).
- **Prayer for the day** - each day the Church of England [publishes audio and text of the Prayer for the Day](#)
- **Smart speakers** – daily prayer and #LiveLent audio content can be [accessed via our smart speaker apps](#)
- **Mental health reflections** – [13 daily reflections](#) that seek to provide hope, reassurance and comfort. We have also [published five tips](#) to help tackle loneliness and isolation.

PAUL WILLMOTT – please pray for Paul and his ministry as the schools have now closed. You can see some of Pauls work on these links:

<http://twistonline.co.uk/> and <http://paulwillmott.com/>

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- All of our NHS and care workers
- All of our emergency services
- All who are providing our food from production to sale
- Our local Food Bank
- All who are struggling with isolation
- All who have or are fearful of losing their work
- All those whose decisions effect the lives of others, especially the Government, all in Parliament and our Local Authorities
- All our children, especially those who are vulnerable
- For our teachers and educators
- All who are ill, bereaved, or suffering, those known to us and those who are unknown to us, that they may feel the closeness of the Lord's healing heart and His comforting arms around them.

A PRAYER ABOUT THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
Lord in your mercy ...

A PRAYER FOR THOSE IN ISOLATION

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Lord in your mercy ...

FOR THOSE WHO ARE WORRIED/SOCIAL COHESION

Loving Jesus, you are compassionate to those in need
and heal the sick in body and mind.
Look kindly on those who are fearful at this time.
Help us all to put away all thoughts and actions
that separate us from you and from one another.
Give us grace to live our lives
confident in your promise that you are with us always.
Lord in your mercy ...

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to care for the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
Lord in your mercy ...

FOR HOSPITAL STAFF AND MEDICAL RESEARCHERS

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health;
Lord in your mercy ...

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PARISH OFFICE – The parish office is currently closed and Gail is working from home Monday to Friday 10-12.00 noon. Her email address is: admin@allsaintssedgley.co.uk **Can items for the pew sheet be sent to her by Wednesday 12 noon please.** Thank you.

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