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WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH!

PLEASE READ THE NOTES BELOW ABOUT MEETING IN THE VALLINS' HALL FOLLOWING ONE OF THE CHURCH CEILING TILES FALLING OFF LAST WEEK!

NO-ONE SHOULD ENTER THE CHURCH UNLESS AUTHORISED BY A MEMBER OF THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE.

SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER and until further notice, all Services will be held in the Vallins Hall

As some of you may know a tile on the inside of the church roof came loose last week and fell onto the church floor. Fortunately, this did not happen when anyone was in the church.

It has been agreed that we will continue to hold services but in the Vallins Hall.

Everything has been done to ensure that everywhere is covid secure. The disabled toilet will be available for emergencies.

If you will be attending future services, please walk down the side of the church and wait, socially distancing, outside the Link Up door. A Steward will advise you as to when you can enter. Your attendance will be recorded inside the hall. Please do not go up to the person recording attendances. If we don't have your name and contact details a Steward will record them.

We will be operating a one way system. At the end of the service please wait to be told when to leave and do so through the fire door on the right hand side of the stage.

All other directives that applied when we were meeting in the church continue to be applicable when meeting in the Vallins Hall.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

The Leadership Team

AS USUAL, PLEASE ALSO TAKE TIME TO READ THE COVID-19 "BACK TO CHURCH" DOCUMENT ON PAGES 3 and 4 OF THIS PYRAMID POST

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Please send contributions for future Pyramid Posts by mid-day on the Tuesday before the following Sunday. This will enable sanitised printed copies to be prepared in time.

(The Methodist Church's "Home Services" can also still be accessed)

https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/seasons-and-themes/worship-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/

Please see the updated "food bank notice on page 4.

We will continue to send a copy of Pyramid Post by e-mail to those who have been receiving it while the church services have been suspended. Printed copies will be available at church services but will not be automatically posted out.

Please let me know if you will not be attending church, don't have e-mail and therefore wish to continue having a copy posted.

Philip Sandiford, Editor

TODAY: 10.30am Mrs. Val Imms

UPCOMING SERVICES:

NEXT SUN, 27th SEP 10.30am Mr. Alan Jameson

SUN 4th OCT 10.30am Mr. Keith Halstead

PETER BULL

Please remember our friend Peter Bull in your prayers. Peter is very poorly and should not be contacted t this time.

AN INVITATION FROM OUR FRIEND AT ST.ANN'S:

Rev. Kevin O'Brien, Parish Deacon write:

DIOCESE OF ARUNDEL AND BRIGHTON DIALOGUE AND UNITY EVENT 2020

A New Normal for Christian Unity

- -What can we learn during the pandemic?
- -What vision should we aspire to as Christians and people of faith moving forward together?

Saturday 26 Sept 2020- 10.45-1pm on Zoom

Prayer, Speakers, Small groups

Email Catherine to register and receive the zoom link -

catherine.martindale@abdiocese.org.uk

All welcome, invite your friends from other churches.

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If you have any symptoms of Covid-19, please do not come to church Bring a mask: face coverings became mandatory in communal indoor spaces on 8 August.

There are some circumstances where people are not expected to wear face coverings.

Please be respectful, noting that some people are less well able to wear face coverings, and that the reasons for this may not be visible to others.

The church will be well-ventilated with doors and windows open, so please come prepared if you feel the cold.

Please remember to allow more time to get into the service as entrance will be staggered to allow for social distancing

When you arrive

Please enter by the front door, but be prepared to wait before entering, keeping two metres away from the person in front of you.

On entering the building, please sanitise your hands: sanitiser pumps will be available if you haven't brought your own sanitiser.

Bring your own water if you feel you might need it.

There will be a steward available near the door ready to offer (socially-distanced) help and advice.

Your presence will be recorded for Track and Trace purposes. If you do not consent to this, please make this known as you enter. The information will be destroyed after three weeks.

Chairs will be arranged singly and in groups. If you have come alone, please sit on a single seat, leaving the groups of chairs for people from the same household/bubble.

Please make your way to a seat straightaway. Do not change seats

What to expect

The vestry toilet will be open for emergencies only. If you need to use it please clean it before and after use. Put used wipes in the bin provided. If you have to wait please do so social distancing

You are invited to drop your offering into the marked box near the door, either as you enter or as you leave (the offering will not be presented during the service).

The service will be shorter than usual (30 - 45 minutes).

Congregational singing is not allowed, music may be provided by an organist, pianist or CD Speak quietly when making any responses.

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After the service

Refreshments will not be served

Please leave when directed to by a Steward and observe social distancing. Do not remain in the church to chat.

Please take away with you any copies of Service Sheets and the Pyramid Post that you have handled

Once outside the church observe Government guidelines for meeting people.

We will review things week by week, and this information will be updated as necessary.

We are not holding communion services yet; we will do so when we feel it can be done safely.

FOODBANK UPDATE:

Food Bank Thanks

Thank you to everyone who has donated food or given a financial donation recently. The number of people we are feeding has remained constant as although some folk are no longer isolating, we now have families without jobs needing our help. Last week we fed 220 people in 85 deliveries.

The latest "Wish List" is as follows: Sugar - small bags if possible, Long life fruit juice, Long life sponge puddings, Children's treats - chocolate etc, Instant mash, Custard, Coffee, Tea Bags - small packs, Cereal - not porridge,

Jam/honey/marmalade, Tinned meat - not spam, Cleaning products, Washing powder/tablets/capsules

I can be contacted on 01737 356201 or 07753 236115 if you would like me to collect items, or items can be left in the vestry. There are also Food Bank bins in most of the major supermarkets if you just want to pop a tin or two in. These are emptied regularly.

Thank you

Janice Barber