

## TODAY – SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

Service led by Mr, Richard Smith

### COVID RESTRICTIONS

Sadly, it has not been possible to relax some precautions as much as we would have liked. Recognising that we have elderly and vulnerable members in our congregation, and with national and local spikes showing that the virus is still not totally under control, the restriction were reviewed recently and remain in place:

- We will continue to wear masks when singing
- Please stand or sit when singing, whichever is your preference
- The seating arrangement will remain as it is
- The building will be well ventilated. Please wear / bring extra clothing especially when the weather becomes colder
- Sanitiser will continue to be available
- We will continue to receive your offering in the box at the entrance
- We will continue to refrain from shaking hands and other physical contact
- We will continue to record attendances
- **If you feel unwell, please stay at home**

### HOLY COMMUNION

The following revised process for carrying out Holy Communion in a way that would be more like our previous way of doing this, and is still covid secure has been agreed:

1. Those wishing to take Communion will be directed to go forward to the Communion table and **stand** socially distanced around the table
2. Wafers will be used instead of bread
3. Individual glasses will be distributed in the usual way

**Only the Minister will handle (with sanitised hands or wearing gloves) the elements before they are offered to communicants.**

### AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS

It has been agreed that those who wish to can share fellowship with each other in the following way:

Tables with 6 chairs at each one will be placed around the edge of the church (sanctuary)

If you wish to have a drink, please bring your own (flask / bottle) and cup / mug

Individual pre - wrapped biscuits will be provided

If you would like to contribute biscuits of this sort to a 'biscuit bank', please give them to Elaine who will put them under 'lock and key' until needed!

Thank you

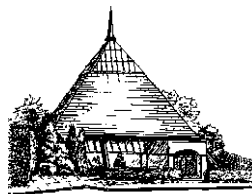
### SERVICES WITH THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Before the first lockdown it was decided that we would hold joint services with the URC. These would take place once a quarter on the fifth Sunday of the month.

The first of these services will be on **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October at the URC at 10.30 a.m.**

If you will require transport, please speak to one of the Stewards nearer the time.

**The Leadership Team**



## FUTURE BEYOND COVID

SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

The challenges brought about by Covid has meant that we have had to rethink the way we have been carrying out some of our usual practices. Now that some of the precautions we have been taking are starting to be relaxed it seems a good time to think about how we go forward. Are we going to revert to the same way of doing things as before Covid? Is there anything that we have been doing or not doing due to Covid that we would like to continue with? Is there anything we could do which would enhance the spiritual life of the church? How can we connect with our neighbours, especially those who live in the immediate vicinity? We will be discussing these and other questions on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October from

10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. Refreshments will be served

If you can, please come and join the discussion.

*The Leadership Team*

**NEXT SUNDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> OCT at 10,30am – HARVEST FESTIVAL ALL AGE WORSHIP:**

### HARVEST OFFERING

Next Sunday is our Harvest Festival, and it is our custom at Harvest Festival time to support a charity.

This year we are supporting the Epsom and Ewell Food Bank.

**TODAY** (Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September) there are small Harvest envelopes on the chairs. If you would like to make a financial donation to this good cause, please take an envelope away with you and put your offering in it.

**NEXT SUNDAY (HARVEST SERVICE)**, 3<sup>rd</sup> October please put your offering in the box marked 'Harvest Offering.'

**Thank you, The Leadership Team**

### SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE CHURCH:

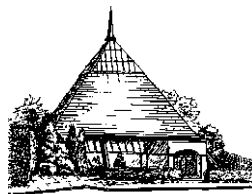
Next Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct, 10.30am	<b>HARVEST FESTIVAL – ALL AGE WORSHIP</b> Led by Mr. Keith Halstead
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 10.30am	Mrs. Lucy Brown
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 10.30am	Rev. Dave Dickinson – inc. Holy Communion
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 10.30am	Mrs. Nellie Showers
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct, 10.30am	<b>UNITED SERVICE AT THE URC</b>

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### Thank you from Owen Barber's family

We would like to say a huge "thank you", to everyone who has made donations in Owen's memory.

We have received confirmation that, so far, a total of £4,332 has been donated to our two chosen charities: APS Support UK – supporting people like Owen who suffered from Antiphospholipid Syndrome, and MIND, through the online Funeral Guide website or via Stoneman Funeral Directors. It has been a great comfort to realise how well loved he was by our Church and Scout communities.



We would also like to thank everyone who has spared some time to think about their memories of Owen and sent them to us, along with some lovely photographs. We will be creating a memory book with all of these in, for us to read and remember him by.

If you haven't contributed already and would still like to, you can either write to us via the Church, text/whatsapp Maura on 07967 530 474, or email us at [maura\\_barber@ymail.com](mailto:maura_barber@ymail.com)

We would also like to say how much we have appreciated all the cards, flowers, messages and support we have received during this truly painful time.

***Janice, Stuart and Maura.***

### **UPCOMING SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

28.09 Sue Hopper

### **NEXT SAT, 2nd OCT, 9.30-2.00 - BANSTEAD COMBINED CHARITIES CHRISTMAS EVENT**

BANSTEAD COMMUNITY HALL, PARK ROAD, BANSTEAD

Light refreshments and lunches will be on sale and there will be a raffle. **Entry fee 20p.**

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