



June Newsletter



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June update on the parish

Services in our church buildings and group activities: all have been cancelled until further notice and our churches are still locked for the duration. Keep up to date with the latest parish/diocese/national church news by visiting our website

stgermansparishes.com

Benefice Zoom services: led by members of the Benefice Worship Team: to join please send request to Canon Lynn (email address above) to be added to the invitation list.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service</u>
Sundays	10.30am	Holy Communion or Morning Worship
Mondays	7pm	Evening Prayer or Compline
Tuesdays	10am	Reflection and chat
Wednesdays	10am	Morning Prayer
Thursdays	7pm	Evening Prayer or Compline
Fridays	10am	Morning Prayer
Saturdays	7pm	Evening Prayer or Compline

Morning and Evening Prayer can be found on the app which can be downloaded from

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

Other Parish Zoom events

Pub Theology Tuesdays 9th and 21st June 7.30-8.30pm.

for info and emailed links: Richard Laugharne. richard.laugharne@nhs.net

Diocesan services

Sunday service with Bishop Philip: <https://www.trurodiocese.org.uk>

National Initiative

The national church is offering a free national phone to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus.

The line is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – and has been set up particularly for those unable to join online church services.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

The line also recognises the impact of social distancing restrictions and self-isolation measures on those suffering from loneliness.

Callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop before being able to choose from a range of options, including hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on COVID-19.

Options include - 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 a reflection.



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

The Five Marks of Mission:

The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth
6. Some churches abbreviate the five marks to five words: TELL – TEACH– TEND – TRANSFORM – TREASURE.

It has been really encouraging that so many people are meeting up on the internet to join in the online “Thy Kingdom Come” services during the period between Ascension and Pentecost, so much so that we have decided to carry on offering a daily service either in the morning or the evening, as well as our usual Sunday morning.

We are getting quite adventurous with our internet skills, and the range of services, music, reflections, and videos which are on offer are all very interesting. The worship team which consists of our readers, worship leader, and future curate have all been very thoughtful and resourceful in their offerings.

To join in or watch any of the services on offer you first have to have a “link”. These I send out 3 times a week and you have to click on them to attend. If anyone wants to have a link that is not already getting them or would like help in connecting in, please let me know and I can talk you through it.

It can I know seem quite daunting at first to try new things like joining online worship, but those who have persevered have been rewarded with a range of services to encourage their faith.

All through this lockdown we have had to try new ways of going about a lot of things, and our normal practices, routines and ideas have often been challenged. But it is through challenge that we learn new skills, learn to do things differently, look for solutions and grow in knowledge. It is a time when age and “maturity “can often come into their own, as we are not so worried about making a mess or getting it wrong at first. We can draw on a lot of years (talking personally!!) of experience and take this pandemic in our stride; disasters have happened in the past and we will get through. Also as people of faith we know we are not alone, and that God remains as our refuge and strength, an ever present help in times of trouble. We can call on him through prayer and study and be comforted knowing that he is there with us - even when nobody else physically can be.

Yours in Christ
Canon Lynn

