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St Britius Church

News Sheet – August 2020

(Revised edition)





Rev. Ian is back from his holidays but is self-isolating for two weeks. As long as he is fit and healthy and there is no further escalation of the virus -

Our first Sunday service in church will be: Sunday 30 August: 9.15am – Holy Communion.

Rev. Ian will be officiating. The readings are: Romans 12. 9-end, Matthew 16. 21-end

We have worked very hard to make sure that everything is as safe as possible and we welcome everybody to church. However, please remember that there is a risk to any gathering, so you do attend at your own risk. Please take responsibility for your own safety, and that of others, and note the following arrangements:

- Please wear a face covering.
- Please maintain a 2 metre distance from others at all times.
- Please use the hand sanitiser dispenser on your way in.
- Please follow the guidance on the pews as to where to sit maintaining a 2 metre distance from those not in your household.
- Please do not socialise with others inside the church building. (Socially distanced refreshments are available to buy at the Humble Bumble café after the service, at your own risk)
- Holy Communion will be available in bread only. If you would prefer to bring your own piece of bread, please do, and this will also be blessed from the altar.

Regular church services are also continuing to take place on line. If you would like to join in with other people then go to the St Johns Carterton Facebook page and join in the Facebook watch party on Sunday mornings at 10.30am and Thursday mornings (from September) at 10.30am. Otherwise click the link on the Facebook pages: Friends of St Britius and St Johns Church Carterton or go to the websites: www.bncommunity.org/bnchurch.htm_or www.stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk.

If you haven't got access to social media but would like to join in with our services there is a new telephone line. Ring 01993 684547 and then select either the midweek or Sunday service. You will hear highlights of the service including the sermon. The recording lasts about 20-25 minutes, but obviously you can listen as long as you like. The cost is simply that of a local telephone call.

Anniversaries this month:

Vera Provis, Phyllis Randle, Kenneth Worthington, Robert Watts, Gwendoline Brown, Molly Peachey, Keith Huggins, Stephen Lovejoy, Phyllis Attwood.



Meetings on Zoom: Home Groups are meeting regularly. If you would like to join one, contact Lyndsay who will put you in touch with a group leader.

Family & Children's Worker, Gary Long: Gary organises a virtual toddler time as well as other activities for children and families, both on line and in the local area. If you would like to know more about this, please contact Gary on 07799 968408 or send him an email on gary@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk.



Brize Norton Allotment Holders and Gardeners Show - Sunday 30 August:

The village Horticultural Show is not able to take place in the normal way. Instead there will be a discreet, socially distanced, show for Brize Norton allotment holders and residents to show what they have grown this year. Entry forms for exhibitors need to be in by 21 August. Viewing will be 2.30pm-4.00pm, subject to the Government rules in force at the time for small events. The Humble Bumble café will be open for refreshments.

Ride and Stride - Saturday 12 September: This is a sponsored event for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust inviting people to walk or cycle visiting churches on the way. We would like to give people the opportunity to visit St Britius so Carolyn and Jacquie are planning to spend some time on the day doing a churchyard tidy-up. If you are able to join us please contact Jacquie on 01993 841616. For more information you can go online at https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/

Church of England Daily Hope Telephone Line:

The national FREE phoneline offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services. The line is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044. Please see the poster for more details.

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