

Joyfully connecting Jesus with the community of High Green through a shared journey of hope, service and love.

News Letter June 2020

Greetings to all our church family with our June monthly News Letter giving further updates on activities and news at St Saviours.

Online Services and Prayer meetings

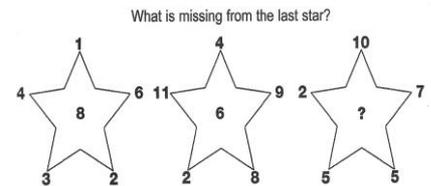
St John's Chapeltown continue to provide a very good regular online Sunday morning service at 10.30am. Go to their website www.stjohnschap.co.uk and click on the link Online Worship. They also offer a live Morning Prayer at 9.00am Monday to Saturday. Video of the Morning Prayer is also available if you are unable to join the live link at 9.00am.



Don't forget and highly recommended:- BBC Radio Sheffield Sunday morning services 8.00 am, and BBC One Sunday morning Worship Services

Men's Group

The Men's Group continue to have regular Zoom Social meetings on Monday evenings at 7.30pm for chat, games and quizzes. Martin Brewis has been taxing the brains of all the group with his weekly Brain Benders! A virtual study night also takes place on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm. If you know anyone who would like to join either or both meeting groups please contact Simon Hulme or Dave Field.



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

An update from Heather Stennett:-

Some good news from Mary Sumner House, the Mothers Union headquarters in London. Following their appeal to raise £1,000,000 to support their work, Heather has received a heartfelt thank you via email to our branch for the £25 donation. They also thanked members who had made personal donations, and at the time of communication £500,000 had been raised so far. So our thanks go to everyone in St Saviours Mothers Union, giving thanks to God for his goodness.

It is with sadness that we announce the death of our sister in Christ, Jean Staniforth. Jean worshiped at St Saviours when she was able, she was a member of the Mothers Union, and she also attended Prime Time. Jean who was aged 95 was a resident in Chapelgreen Care Home, where she died peacefully on the 21st May, after contracting the Corona virus.

A message from Alison and Leanna, Mozambique

To all from St. Saviours, We would like to thank you for your kind and continued donations to Ywam Marromeu and the work that we are doing here in Mozambique.

We are aware at this time that many people are affected by Covid-19 and are struggling financially as well as physically and socially and your donation is a clear demonstration of faithful generosity to us at what we can see is a difficult and uncertain time for all.

Your donation is helping us to respond to covid-19 here in Marromeu, although we are still very much in the early stages as a country, and we are praying it doesn't take hold in the same ways here as the health system is very weak. We are distributing masks and mosquito nets and setting up hand washing stations and educating the community where we can. We were also able to purchase phones for some of our key staff to help improve communication between our different teams working in the community.

Please be encouraged that as a team we are praying for you all and once again, we thank you so much for your support.

Ywam Marromeu. Mozambique.

Food bank update

To comply with social distancing and self isolation rules a delivery only service continues from the church building on Monday and Friday afternoons. For those in need of help there is a dedicated phone line to ring and leave a message (07561 699535). Donations of food continue to be made via Chapeltown Asda and by individuals. For those who make personal donations of food we request they ring the above number to arrange collection. In addition to the personal food donations being made, financial support has been generously given in recent weeks by local organisations. This included a donation from the local branch of Rotary 4foodbanks of nearly 1400 food items consisting of tea, coffee, porridge, tuna and tinned plums! A financial donation of £3500 has also been received from Sheffield Foodbank network.

Regular help with collection of food donations and delivery of food parcels has been gratefully received from Jane Trueman of St John's Chapeltown. We have recruited a few church members to help with food deliveries but are still looking for additional help with making up food parcels and deliveries. If you know of anyone who could help please contact Sue Fiander, Simon Hulme or Dave Field. A big thank you to all who are helping with contributions to the food bank through donations, both food and financial, and the help offered with deliveries. This has ensured we have been able to supply food parcels to all those who have made requests through the dedicated phone line. Numbers of food deliveries to date: 85 households and over 200 individuals.

Friday Feast - From the beginning of the lockdown and suspension of Friday Feast Sue Fiander has been in contact through Facebook and/or telephone to make sure everyone is alright, and offering support where needed.

PCC Meeting

A virtual Zoom meeting was held on 19th May with PCC members at which an update was given from the Standing Committee and items identified for further discussion with the PCC at the next meeting arranged for 16th June.

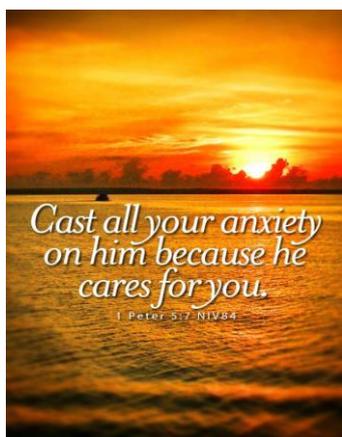
Bishops update: As many of you will have heard, Churches may open from 15th June! Before everyone rushes to St Saviour's, we received a letter from our Bishops containing the following:

- permission to re-open the church building is not a requirement to do so
- not all our church buildings were open daily for private prayer even in 'ordinary' times.
- At present the national guidance says that it is not necessary for someone to be present all the time to monitor the church. But I understand this may change and we will clarify the issue as quickly as we can. You may wish to hold off from publicising any plans for your own church until this has been clarified.
- the government statement says plainly that re-opening church buildings for individual prayer does not permit communally led prayer or informal prayer meetings .

Planning and the risk assessment will be discussed at our PCC meeting on Tuesday 16th June.

Face coverings

In light of the advice regarding face coverings for hospital visits / medical appointments and travel on public transport, Lesley Thulbourne has kindly offered to make fabric face masks which can be laundered really quickly for any one who needs one. Please contact her by phone if she can help.



A prayer about the Covid-19 outbreak from Church of England Prayer book:

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 tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.

Amen.



For more prayers go to:
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