

SUNDAY 17th May 2020
Sixth Sunday of Easter

TODAY'S SERVICES

10 AM: Streamed Sung Eucharist (Fr Colin)

Hymns – Teach Me My God And King
Oh Jesus I Have Promised

Motet – *If Ye Love Me*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia. Anyone who loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love them and come to them. ***Alleluia, Alleluia.***

Birthdays this week: Nigel Morgan; June Webster.

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Wednesday 20th May

10 AM: Streamed Said Eucharist on our website / YouTube

Thursday 21st May Ascension Day

19.30: Streamed Mass (Fr Colin) on our website / YouTube

Readings Next Week

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-end

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

From Fr Colin

It was good to be able to celebrate and live stream the Eucharist from the Lady Chapel in church on Wednesday. It felt, for me, more authentic. I am grateful for the many positive comments I have received. I know how much it has been appreciated that we can join together as a virtual community, although sadly we are not all able to receive the sacrament.



At the moment, the government plans to allow places of worship to reopen at the beginning of July, provided there isn't a second wave of the Coronavirus before then. It is possible that churches might be open for private prayer before then, and on Friday 15th May faith leaders will be meeting with government ministers to discuss this. Even if they do, whether it is July or earlier, there are likely to be continued restrictions in terms of social distancing and hand washing. It is possible that we might need to restrict numbers for our 10 AM Sunday Eucharist, perhaps having an additional service so that everyone who would like to come are able. The Church Wardens and I will be giving consideration to this over the coming weeks so that when we are allowed to open, we will be ready. Some of you might still be in a position where you will need to self-isolate and so we are considering the possibility of continuing live streaming. In fact, I have already begun to discuss with the wardens whether it might be a good idea to continue to live stream our Sunday Eucharist on a permanent basis as many churches (particularly those from a more charismatic tradition) have done for some years. This current crisis has revealed that many people are crying out for spiritual guidance, support and solace. Churches who do live stream have found that many more people are participating in the services than normally go to church. There is potentially an important area of mission here that it would be remiss to ignore. Your thoughts regarding this would be greatly appreciated. Clearly, we need to consider any legal hurdles that we might need to overcome and would want to discuss this further with the PCC in due course.

I hope you are all continuing to stay safe and well.

Love and prayers

Fr Colin

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We will be having a streamed Mass for Ascension Day at 7:30PM on Thursday 21st May. The service will be led by Fr Colin from the Lady Chapel in church. You can join the service in the usual place that we stream our Wednesday and Sunday services (go to our website - <http://www.stgeorgesnews.org/resources.html> - or search for St George's Church Waterlooville on YouTube). We hope you can join us then.
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From Shirley Vann, Social Committee Chairperson

We have organised an online quiz for Tuesday 19th May at 8pm which you are invited to participate in. This will be on Zoom and it would be helpful if you have downloaded the Zoom software first.

<https://zoom.us/download> (the download to choose is the top one – Zoom Client for Meetings).

Chris Gadd will send out an email with an invite just before we start – so have your tablet / computer / phone ready. Please also have paper and pens to write down your answer.

We have all appreciated the services that Fr Colin and Fr Ray have given online and we would like the church to be able to continue its mission. The church has suffered from loss of income from the open plate collections taken at services, money raised from social activities and from the hire of the church hall to outside organisations.

We do not wish to place undue pressure on those that are struggling financially at this time but if you feel able to make a donation to the Church please follow the links on the St Georges website:- <http://www.stgeorgesnews.org/offertory>

There is a choice to gift aid (or not) and pay using your credit/debit card or your Pay Pal account. This money goes directly into the church's bank account.

If you would like to be involved, to write or host a quiz evening or have any feedback, please get in touch with me by email. s.vann@stgeorges.church

If anyone has any good ideas that we can during this time to encourage social interaction through social media or otherwise please let me know then we can discuss the possibility of this.

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From Lynn Winter

Some of you may remember Pat Winter, a faithful member of Saint Georges latterly of Wisteria Nursing Home in Horndean. Sadly, Pat died on Monday night after her condition deteriorated rapidly over the weekend.

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Remembering Those Who Need Our Prayers This Week

Shelley Lazlett, Geoff, Anna Chapman, Christopher, Richard Rundle, Hillary, Madison, Amy, Carmell, Christine, Ray Kent, Sandra Hewett, Spencer, Margaret Cavey, John Haughton, Anne Brown, Pete, Fr Beau Brandie, Jenny Pilling, Fr Charles, June Webster, Annie Sharp, Howe Sae Kang, Rev Sandra Edwards.

We Remember Martyn Lawlor and Pat Winter, who have died recently and Jill Raggett and Marcia Jane Ross, whose anniversaries fall at this time.



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