

Notices for the week beginning Sunday 5 June 2022

FROM NICHOLAS

I am sure you will join me in wishing Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth every blessing for her Platinum Jubilee celebrations – a unique occasion in our nation's life. Our community Art and Craft project will be available to view along Church Green and in both churches. All Saints will be open from 2 – 4pm on Friday 3rd and Sunday 5th. Details of our services are below. I hope that you have some opportunity to enjoy time with your families over the extended bank holiday weekend.

SERVICES FOR FIRST HALF OF JUNE

The Jubilee celebrations requires a change to our normal pattern of worship which is best done over two weeks, and so, by way of summary our services will be:

5 June, Pentecost Sunday & Platinum Jubilee (first Sunday of the month)

- 8.30am Upnor, BCP Holy Communion (Pentecost)
10.00am All Saints, Queen's Platinum Jubilee, All-Age Service
 with parade followed by lunch with the 27th All Saints Scouts on Church Green
4.00pm BCP Evensong, followed by afternoon tea. The choir will be singing an anthem written for the Jubilee.

12 June, Trinity 1 (second Sunday of the month)

- 8.30am Upnor Morning Worship
10.00am Holy Communion

19 June, Trinity (third Sunday of the month)

We revert to our normal pattern

- 8.30am Upnor, Morning Worship
10.00am Holy Communion

DELAY TO RECORDED SERVICES

I apologise to those who normally receive recorded services by post. I have had to prioritise pastoral offices over the last two weeks so I am a little behind with editing and subtitling. I hope to catch up over the bank holiday weekend.

APCM

Most will be aware that we were unable to elect churchwardens at the APCM. This is not an unusual situation. As requested, a role description will be prepared for potential candidates. In the interim I will ask some PCC members to take on specific responsibilities so that nothing 'falls down the cracks'.

LIFTING OF COVID PRECAUTIONS

I received a few comments regarding the lifting of our guidance. COVID is still with us but the vast majority feel it is something we will have to live with and therefore are content that we should move on. From this point forward:

1. We will continue to encourage good hand hygiene.
2. Socially distanced chairs will be seat out at the back of church. All other pews will be available.
3. People will no longer be actively encouraged to wear face coverings but may choose to do wherever they are sitting.



4. We will re-instate the passing of the collection plate.
5. It is important that the sharing of the peace does not exclude people, and does not make people uncomfortable. So, further comments are invited.
6. The communion rails will be reintroduced for reception of the bread and wine.
7. At present, we will continue with intinction, by the priest, of wafers at communion.

ACCESSIBILITY

As we review our practice for living with COVID, the north aisle has potential for better provision (than pre-COVID) for a creche area. I am also mindful of the needs for accessibility (wheelchairs and audio-visual requirements). I suspect it likely that our socially distanced seating will be located at the back of the church. This is actually outside the area of the audio loop. However, I understand that hearing aid technology has moved on and for most, the loop is not needed. I would be very grateful if some hearing aid users could enlighten me, in case an extension to the loop is needed. We also have the ability for tablet users to access a high contrast enlarged view of what is projected on the screen. If this would be helpful and you do not already access it, please let me know.

Any arrangements that entail moving pews or other significant items will be a temporary trial under an Archdeacon's Licence before making them permanent by faculty.

BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

Please continue to pray for Bishops Simon and Jonathan in this period of vacancy.

LITTLE LIGHTS

All Saints Baby and Toddlers has recommenced as 'Little Lights' on Tuesday afternoons, term time, from 1.00pm. Carers, babies and toddlers meet for play, craft, snacks, songs a short story and a prayer.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR COFFEE!



PILGRIMS PANTRY Pilgrims Pantry meets every Tuesday morning from 10.30am in the Parish Hall. Tea, coffee and a menu of snacks and light lunches available.

UPCHAT CAFÉ UpChat Café meets on Fridays 10am, at St Philip & St James

ZOOMOFFEE Coffee by Zoom takes place on Wednesday mornings from 10.30am. Message the Parish Office for details of how to join in.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everyone who returned their stewardship form – if you haven't done so yet, it's not too late! Please bring to church or pass to Nicholas or Sue.

ECO CHURCH

As a church we would like to be better stewards of our planet and so we have committed to being part of the Eco Church network and work to become more 'eco-friendly'.

This month's Green Tip is:



Instead of landfill - use old t-shirts and cotton vests as rags - ideal for DIY or any cleaning jobs.

Green Tips

DONATIONS TO THE MINISTRY AND MISSION OF THIS PARISH

Donations can be made at our services by cash or cheque in the collection plate, a stewardship envelope or standing order for regular giving please speak to Nicholas, the Churchwardens, Sue Jones or Alison Mings.



We are now also offering this QR code in our printed materials. Scanning the code with the camera on your smart phone will take you to the Give a Little page for our parish. You can choose how much, whether to Gift Aid, and request a receipt.

PRAYER CHAIN

The Prayer Chain are always willing to take prayer requests. If the prayer is not for you then we do ask that you have the permission of the person you are asking us to pray for.

DEMENTIA RESOURCES

At this time, those who live with dementia are understandably disoriented and upset. It has been a difficult and concerning time for their families too. Carole and Annie, our Anna Friends, have gathered some resources which are now available on the website. In particular there are a number of online training and awareness courses available at no cost.

SAFEGUARDING RESOURCES

RELEASE THE PRESSURE - new helpline from Kent County Council

Mental well-being remains a huge concern at this time.

A new phone line is available through Kent County Council, offering 24/7 access to a highly trained and experienced team, to provide expert support no matter what a person is going through.

People are encouraged not to suffer in silence and to text the word Kent to 85258 or call the number 0800 107 0160, for free confidential support.

SAFE HAVENS

Mental Health Matters can help any resident of Kent or Medway aged 16+ by offering a warm, welcoming, safe and comfortable environment. Contact: 07850 901151 or 07808 79503

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Prayer Diary 5-11 June 2022

“...in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” (*Philippians 4:6*)

Prayers from the Church of England to use

Generous God,
we thank you for the *power* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *wisdom* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *peace* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *healing* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness
where there is division, sickness and sorrow.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.


We thank you for the *gifts* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *fruit* of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *breath* of your Holy Spirit,
given us by the risen Lord.
We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed,
in the joy of eternal life.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

Generous God,
you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan,
and upon the disciples in the upper room:
in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,
**hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

Church's Ministry	<i>Praying for the people, groups and mission and outreach of the churches in our parish, diocese and worldwide Anglican communion</i>
Community	<i>Praying for our community, our parish and Medway</i>
People of the Parish	<i>Praying for those who live in Frindsbury and Wainscott, (FW), Upnor (U), Chattenden (C) and those who work on Medway City Estate (MCE)</i>

Pentecost	Sunday, 5 June
Church's Ministry	<i>Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.</i>
Community	Give thanks for family life and those we hold dear in our hearts, praying for their health, well-being and hope.
People of the parish	Cooling Road (FW), Hawkenbury Rise (FW) Glimmer Way (FW)
	Monday, 6 June
Church's Ministry	 Pray for Thy Kingdom Come 2022 Prayer Initiative (Ascension to Pentecost) Give thanks for the Thy Kingdom Come Prayer initiative and pray that all those who have been prayed for during this time will come to know Jesus.
Community	Pray for all in education: teachers, support staff and administrators, pupils and students; pray for staff and pupils at Hilltop School
People of the parish	Cranmere Court (FW), Hertsfield Avenue (FW), Gold Drive (FW)
	Tuesday, 7 June
Church's Ministry	Pray for our Staff Team
Community	Pray for Pilgrims Pantry, our church café – for those volunteering and those coming along. Pray for Little Lights – our baby and toddler group.
People of the parish	Cutter Close (U), High Street (U), Grant Road (FW)
	Wednesday, 8 June
Church's Ministry	Pray for newly licensed Lay Ministers in our diocese
Community	Pray for the elderly, isolated and vulnerable; pray for those who care for them that they would be strengthened and encouraged. Pray for staff and residents of Frindsbury Hall
People of the parish	Cypress Court (FW), Higham Road (FW), Grasmere Grove (FW)
	Thursday, 9 June
Church's Ministry	Pray for parishes in our deanery in interregnum: St Francis, Strood and St Helen's, Cliffe
Community	Pray for those in positions of authority, making decisions at national and local level; pray for MP, Kelly Tolhurst
People of the parish	Cypress Road (FW), Hill Court (C), Greenfields Close (FW)
	Friday, 10 June
Church's Ministry	Pray for our parish prayer chain
Community	During Carers Week, pray for all who work in a caring role and all who care voluntarily for family members, neighbours or friends; pray for all young carers supporting family members.
People of the parish	Dashmonden Close (FW), Hilltop Road (FW), Guinness Drive (FW)
	Saturday, 11 June
Church's Ministry	Pray for next Bishop of Rochester, Jonathan Gibbs and his family as they prepare to join us and for Bishop Simon and his family
Community	Pray for all who are struggling in body, mind or spirit
People of the parish	Eglinton Drive (FW), Holly Road (FW), Linnet Close