

**To all Friends of Christ Church, West Wimbledon:**  
**MICHAEL'S MESSAGES NEWSLETTER 21**

**RE-OPENING FOR WORSHIP:** Following the recent Government announcement that places of worship may re-open, the Church Council met together via Zoom on 6 July and unanimously agreed to the re-opening of Christ Church on **SUNDAY 2 AUGUST**. Initially two services will be held each Sunday – **our 8am Holy Communion (according to the Book of Common Prayer) and our 10am Parish Eucharist**. Children should not attend at 8am but will be welcome at 10am as usual. For the time being we will NOT be holding our 6.30pm Evening Service, but this service will be re-instated during the Autumn.

A lot of work and thought has gone into ensuring that everyone will be able to worship safely and we hope that you will want to come and join together once again. However, if you are continuing to self-isolate or you experience any symptoms of the Coronavirus, we ask you not to attend church until you feel able to do so.

We are hoping we may be able to record our 10am service for those unable to attend – but please be patient: though we don't yet have the technology, we are working on it!

It is wonderful that we will be able to worship together again, but inevitably there will be some differences which we hope will be relaxed in the months to come:

- When you enter the church, please use the hand sanitizer provided, collect an order of service and pewsheet yourself and then make your way to a seat, reducing the amount of chat with others to a minimum, so as to reduce any risk.
- Every other pew row is available for seating and there should be plenty of space.
- We ask parents to keep their children safe and discourage them from running around.
- The Truman Room will be available if needed but please ensure your child(ren) keep a safe distance from others.
- There will be no offertory collection taken during the services but you can leave your donation in the plates provided.
- It isn't possible for us to sing at the moment, but we plan for music to be played on the organ during the 10am service.
- Communion will be administered standing in front of the Celebrant and in one kind (bread only and 'dropped' onto the palm of your hands) but if you would prefer to receive a (socially distanced) blessing, that would, of course, be absolutely in order.
- At the end of the service, we ask you to leave without too much delay – and please wait till you are outside church before you chat – at a safe distance – with others.
- Church will close for 72 hours after Sunday and will re-open on **WEDNESDAY MORNINGS** (NB change of day) during August from 10am till 12 noon for quiet prayer.

**OTHER THINGS TO NOTE:**

- Refreshments can't be served at the end of the service at the moment. Sorry, we know how much you love your biscuits!
- If you wish to wear a mask, please do so – but these are not mandatory in church.
- We will be taking a note of the name and contact number of those who attend – this record will be kept for 21 days and then the record will be destroyed.
- Please do get in touch with me if you have any questions or comments.

With my continuing best wishes, thoughts and prayers for you all, *Michael Burns* 7/7/20