



September 27<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Greetings in the name of our  
Lord Jesus Christ.  
In this time of uncertainty,  
we declare: Jesus is Lord!**

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

Some of you may remember that we were due to hold our APCM during the 10.45 service on 26<sup>th</sup> April, along with sharing brunch together! Sadly, and like so many things in these strange times we live in, we were unable to hold the meeting. This has now been rescheduled to happen via zoom as part of our 11am service on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October** (unfortunately without brunch, but bring your coffee with you!). It may seem strange to incorporate the meeting into our worship. But it's a time when we look back with gratitude for all that has happened over the past year and look forward with faith and expectancy for all that is to come – so what could be more fitting than to express that within the context of praising and thanking God!

One of the things that happens in the APCM is the important task of electing churchwardens and PCC members. As usual, forms announcing the meeting, along with election forms for churchwardens and PCC members are on the Tower notice board in church, and will be taken down before the meeting. But this year, as not many people are able to come into the church building, we are also sending them out via email or post with this news sheet so that everyone has access to them.

For those who may not be sure of the processes, PCC members serve a 3 year term, and are nominated by those on the electoral (membership) roll. Churchwardens serve a 1 year term, but can be elected to serve another term, and are elected by those on the electoral roll as well as by anyone living in the parish.

This year we have 4 vacancies on the PCC because Eddie Chambers, John Ferguson and Bill Poole have completed their 3 year term, and Kismet Barber has decided not to continue as a PCC member. Eddie, John and Bill are able to become PCC members again if they are proposed and seconded. We also have 3 vacancies on the PCC for members to represent St. Peter's on the Deanery Synod, the Derby City Deanery of Derby Diocese. All nominations must be proposed and seconded (but don't forget to discuss this with the person concerned before the forms are filled in!) If you would like to know more about what being on the PCC involves, please have a chat to me or to any member of the PCC.

Before the APCM we also revise our electoral roll (a membership list of St. Peter's.) If you have been coming to St. Peter's for six months or longer, please fill in an electoral roll form. Forms are on the Tower noticeboard and have been sent out by email and post with this news sheet. The deadline for returning these is **4<sup>th</sup> October**. Thank you!

With my prayers and love,

*Anita*

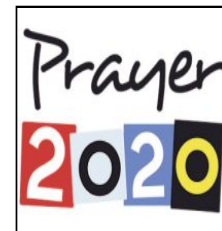
## **Update from PCC meeting, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020**

The PCC met via Zoom on Monday evening, and the following issues were discussed:

- **Worship:** we reflected on the current pattern of a simple half hour communion service in church at 10.15am, followed by a longer service on Zoom at 11am. Whilst there are clearly some challenges with the short space between, the PCC felt that this remains the best possible model for now. We will continue to re-evaluate as circumstances change, and continue to explore live stream options for the long term.
- **Re-opening the Church:** we noted that a number of regular bookings are slowly returning to the building, but bigger bookings have all been postponed until next year. We discussed opening for a couple of hours in the week for private prayer, but recognised that a number of people have already accessed our 10.15 service, and at present that seems to be addressing the need.
- **Harvest:** we will celebrate Harvest at both the 10.15 and 11am services on 4<sup>th</sup> October (the 11am will also include communion on that day). We usually ask people to bring harvest items to support the Padley Centre and the Jubilee Food Bank – as this is not possible this year, we encourage people to make a make a donation to one of those organisations instead. ([www.padleygroup.com](http://www.padleygroup.com), and [www.derbycitymission.org](http://www.derbycitymission.org))
- **CLOJ:** it was agreed that Christmas Lunch on Jesus cannot go ahead in its usual format, but we are acutely aware of the level of need. We are actively exploring other ways of making it happen through supermarket deliveries or through food banks.
- **Christmas services:** it seems unlikely that we will be able to have a Carol Service as usual, and we discussed the possibility of live streaming a service from church.
- **Curate:** we are delighted that a curate will be joining us in July 2020, part time (probably 3 days a week and Sundays). More details will be announced shortly when the necessaries formalities have been completed.
- **Inside Out:** Inside Out is growing and we are seeing real transformation in the lives of some of the participants. We currently have a 3 bedroom house, and will be getting a 4 bedroom house in November, through Faith Hope Enterprises. 6 potential new mentors are attending a taster day on Saturday (26<sup>th</sup> September).
- **Churchyard:** we have seen an increase in anti-social activity in the churchyard, and are looking with the police at ways to address this. These include installing some more cameras, some signage indicating that we are working closely with the police to address the issues, and a radio which will enable us to communicate quickly with the St. Peter's Quarter rangers and the police.
- **Vacancy:** Tim and Sung-Hee (churchwardens) are meeting with the Archdeacon of Derby, the Area Dean of Derby, and a representative from CPAS (our patron) on 1<sup>st</sup> October. After that meeting they will be able to share a clearer picture of the process and timescale for appointing a new Vicar. As part of putting together a parish profile, we hope to conduct a consultation with the whole church about our priorities and hopes for the future.
- **Finance:** As expected, income has been substantially down due to lack of rental income and not holding physical church services for several months. This has been partially offset by successfully getting a grant for 10k from Derby City Council. We have survived the lockdown fairly well, but anticipate the fallout continuing well into next year.

## **Praying together in 2020**

HOPE Together are calling Christians of all denominations to pray on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month at 20.20 for 20 minutes, so this Thursday! They say: "Through Prayer 2020 we are asking God to work through all that happens this year – personal witness; church outreach in villages, towns and cities; mission events and evangelism in all its many forms. Already this is catching the imagination of Christians around the world.



## **Prayer ...**

In this very testing time for us all, do not hesitate to ask for prayer for any concern you have. We all face difficulties and challenges, but prayer makes a difference. In an emergency, call Janet (07828 280455), and she will ask those on the prayer chain to pray for you.

## **Sunday 10.15am: simple service of Holy Communion**

Please book in by 12 noon on Friday. If you have internet access, booking is via the Eventbrite website, using this link: <https://stpetersderby.eventbrite.co.uk>. For those without internet access, booking is by calling the Church Office (01332 360790). Please leave a message and we will book you in.

Please tell us if you are coming with others from your household. We need to collect name, address and phone details and keep them for 21 days in case we have to provide a list of attendees for track and trace purposes. The church building is now equipped with automatic hand sanitisers – just hold your hands underneath them!

## **Zoom details...**

### **On a Computer, Laptop, Smart Phone or Tablet:**

The easiest way is to click this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/450891605?pwd=czNCTTJuaUJpQ3VIOVlnUm1zS0tKQT09>

Alternatively:

1. Open Zoom and select 'Join' or 'Join a Meeting'
2. Enter the Meeting ID: **450 891 605**
3. Select 'Join'
4. When prompted for the Meeting Password, enter **73837**
5. Select 'Continue' or 'Join Meeting' and you will be connected

### **By Phone – these are the numbers you must now use:**

1. Pick any one of the numbers below (doesn't matter which), if one doesn't work, pick another: 0203 481 5240 ; 0131 460 1196 ; 0203 051 2874 ; 0203 481 5237
2. Dial the number and when prompted for the Meeting ID press: **450 891 605#**
3. You will then be prompted for a Participant ID, just press **#**
4. Finally, you will be prompted for the Meeting Password, press: **73837#**
5. You will be connected and able to hear everything that is happening

If you have any problems with accessing the service on Sunday, please call Anita.

**Space to take notes from today's readings, prayers and sermon.**

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**IN THE WEEK**

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but telephone calls to the Office on 01332 360790 and  
emails to office@stpetersderby.org.uk will be monitored**