



March 21st 2021

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

### **Lent Project 2021: Derventio Housing and Green Lane Contact Centre**

Last week I wrote about the opening of the Dorcas project which we supported through the Lent Project last year. This year we continue to support the Church of North India through the Brace Bridge project (more information to follow), Derventio Housing Trust, and the Green Lane Contact Centre.

Here is a bit more information about the work of Derventio: *Our main service is to provide high quality accommodation and support, tackling homelessness head-on. Every year Derventio works with around 1,000 people who are facing homelessness. Being homeless is not just about housing – it can affect all areas of life, from health to relationships. Our services work with people to find suitable accommodation, build new skills and find employment.*

*Donations to Derventio provide direct support and services so that people can make positive changes. For example: £10 could buy ingredients for a Growing Lives cookery session; £20 could buy a start-up pack of essential items for someone moving into a new home; £30 could cover the travel costs so we can accompany people to health appointments; £40 could pay the transport costs so that people living in rural areas can get to Growing Lives; £50 could buy essential equipment for the Growing Lives project.*

And some more information about the Green Lane Contact Centre: *We provide a safe environment where non-resident parents (or grandparents) and their children can meet, play and interact together in a non-threatening atmosphere. We have a range of toys, games, and activities for the children, together with a small snack bar serving hot and cold drinks and snacks at very reasonable prices. The use of the Contact Centre may be the result of a Court Order or a private arrangement.*

*As a charity, we do our best, week on week, to make the Centre available for families. We thrive through our incredible volunteers, many of whom are retired and require all visitors to meet the highest standards of health and safety. We have recently re-located to the site on Green Lane and are working hard to make improvements to our new home, including the ongoing external works for play area and cafe bar in 'Jill's Room'.*

Our strapline at St. Peter's is "Life in all its fullness" (John 10:10). We pray that, through these projects, we may enable dignity and new life for all, whatever challenges they face.

With my prayers and love, *Anita*

## **Holy Week and Easter Services**

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> March. Subject to Covid numbers not increasing between now and then, we plan to re-open the church building for a simple half-hour service of Holy Communion at 10.15am. We will then have a Palm Sunday service of worship at 11am on Zoom. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 6pm on Zoom we will have a simple bible reading, short reflection and prayers (lasting 30 minutes maximum), and on Maundy Thursday at 6pm we will share in a simple service of Holy Communion. On Good Friday we will gather at 12 noon (also on Zoom) for a time of reflection at the foot of the cross. On Saturday at 6pm we will again meet on Zoom for a simple bible reading, short reflection and prayers. And finally, on Easter Day, there will be a half-hour Easter Communion in church at 10.15am, followed by Easter worship with Holy Communion on Zoom at 11am. Please do join us for our Holy Week worship! We hope to invite members of the Walbrook Epiphany churches to join us for some of our services, and to offer an invitation to you all to join them for compline if you would like to. More information next week!

## **From Bishop Libby – National Day of Reflection**

‘Take a moment to remember, take a moment to connect, take a moment to support’: these are the suggestions from Marie Curie for us to participate in a national day of Reflection on March 23<sup>rd</sup> - one year on from the start of the first lockdown. Talking about loss is part of ‘good grief’. In the past year hundreds of thousands of people have died in the UK from Coronavirus, and even more in other circumstances. The pandemic has affected the ways we have been able to mourn. Our grief encompasses every individual who has died, and we also mourn other losses of the past year.

So, I encourage you - both individuals and as worshipping communities - to think about ways to remember those who have died and all that we have lost; to think about ways to connect so you might receive the love and support that will help you, and that you might offer such love and support to others; and to think about ways to look forward, with Easter hope, and so be part of recovery and rebuilding - that honours all that has been lost, learns from all we’ve been through, and creates a future that is better than what we’ve left behind.

Of course, that is the work of more than a single day, but a designated date to do this together will be part of our healing.

## **A prayer of hope**

Loving God,  
As we journey towards Easter,  
help us to live as people of hope,  
knowing that beyond the pain of the cross lies the joy of resurrection.  
Inspire us in our worship,  
through our churches and in our homes and lives,  
that we may bring glory to you and joy to others.  
Be with those who are struggling in mind, body or spirit,  
and give courage to those who are facing uncertainty and change ahead.  
Help each of us to keep our eyes fixed on you,  
that we may reflect your light to all whom we meet. Amen.

## **Parish Profile Update.**

Thanks to everyone for participating in the discussions around our parish profile. Below is the Wordle from our shared perceptions of life at St Peter's. We think you will agree what really stands out is a welcoming, friendly community of worship, followed by our engagement and service in the wider world.



People felt it was important for the Church to be open to be a Christian presence in the city.

Challenges: i) the changing face of the high street ii) a likely increase in debt issues

Opportunities: i) More input from congregation into Inside Out ii) Volunteering in Castleward school iii) More collaboration with neighbouring churches, Susanna Wesley House and other denominations iv) Increase in residential properties in parish v) Working in schools promoting mental health vi) Mums and toddler group vii) More small groups, both social and spiritual viii) Offer to encourage young people to go into engineering

We have had two very useful meetings with the Area Dean and the Acting Archdeacon, ensuring that the profile matches Diocesan criteria. We have a further meeting planned with Anita and the staff of Walbrook Epiphany to discuss collaboration going forward. Tim and Liz

## **Prayer ...**

In this testing time, 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 Bren (07967 183601), and she will ask those on the prayer chain to pray for you.

## **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 10.15am: simple service of Holy Communion**

Please book in by 12 noon on Friday. 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.

**11am Worship via Zoom:** see below for joining details.

### **Joining Details for Zoom Worship**

**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 problems with accessing the service on Sunday, please call Anita

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#### **IN THE WEEK**

**The church office is closed until further notice, but telephone calls to the Office on 01332 360790 and emails to [office@stpetersderby.org.uk](mailto:office@stpetersderby.org.uk) will be monitored**