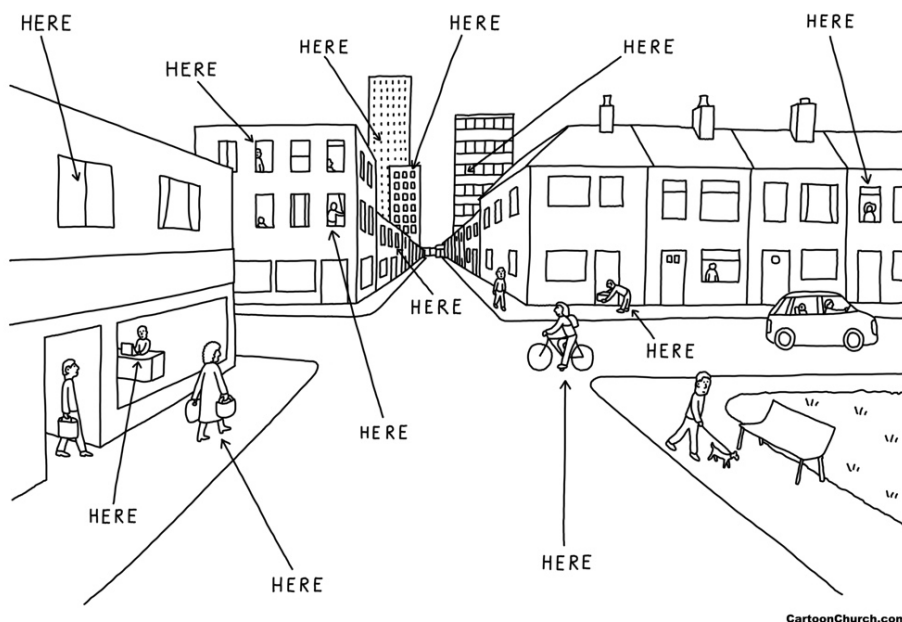




United

The newsletter for the parishes of St Philip's and St Mark's - June 2020

WHERE THE CHURCH IS



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Welcome to this issue of "United" - the newsletter for the parishes of St Philip's and St Mark's.

Do take the time to read the article "Who is who in the fellowship?". This was taken from St Werburgh's newsletter No. 12 recently and is really useful to learn more about the fellowship and how we will come to know church moving forward.

It is hoped that this newsletter brings you comfort, enjoyment and enlightenment. If you have anything to share for the next issue (including stories, prayers, recipes, puzzles etc) then please send them to: **united@stphilipschaddesden.co.uk**

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June - In loving memory

We pray for those who have died recently:
Shirley Bate and Betty Lawrence.

We remember those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time:
Harry Hesketh, William Clare, Annie Man, Lawrence Tooth, Frederick Hawkes,
Emily Bates, Neil Stenson, John Wigley, James Barker, Florence Brookes,
Charles Bloomer, Philip Cooper, Reginald Vince, Mary Mitchell,
Susan Chamberlain, May Connor, May Lee, Isabel Phillips, Eileen Care and
Eileen Allen.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Fr Julian writes...

Hello - how is your lockdown?

The situation is a strange mix of things changing and things staying the same and we should all remember that the virus COVID-19 is no less dangerous in June than it was at the start of April so we must continue to take care of ourselves and of each other.

One of the things that we may wonder about is when church is going to be like it was before lockdown? Well whatever the specific answer is, we know church is never going to go back to being exactly like it was before and even the practicalities of when we can meet again and how will not emerge for many weeks if not months.

We are not rushing into anything and I will be speaking with all those involved over the next weeks to think about how to best move forward. Although some of our newspapers have said all churches are open now, it isn't as simple as just unlocking the church door. How we offer welcome that is safe and how we ensure the church is cleaned and remains safe are very important questions. And I want to share a story I have been reminded of recently to help us all think about our priorities when it comes to church.

Do you remember KODAK film? Thirty years ago we wouldn't have thought twice about buying two or three KODAK rolls of film for our cameras to go on holiday - how rapidly the world changes! These days everybody has a digital camera on their phone. KODAK failed to move with the times, because the company mistook the means for the end. Nobody was really bothered about using film and when a better way was found of taking and keeping pictures we stopped using film cameras almost overnight.

Friends we must not be so inward looking as a church that we mistake the means for the end. The church is not the end, it is the means by which we come together to look outwards and to invite others to worship God with us and make God's love known in the world, no more than that. And if church is no longer doing that, then we should ask ourselves as we begin to return to whatever this 'new normal' is what is church we love and are part of for?

Great love to you all

Fr J x



Who is who in the fellowship

Just before lockdown, Fr Julian became Vicar of St Philip's in Chaddesden and St Mark's Derwent as part of our commitment to a Fellowship of Anglican communities across this side of the City. It may well be in coming weeks he is asked to take on further parishes too, not because he has no choice, but because the Bishop and Fr J as well as others genuinely have discerned making these kind of real connections is what the Holy Spirit is calling our parishes to.

It means even without COVID-19 what church looks like is changing. This is because it is important for us all to recognise we are not isolated units, but part of a greater whole and church only makes sense if we look outwards.

Our Fellowship now consists of:

- St Werburgh's Parish in Spondon.
- Derwent Oak - a fresh expression of church in Derwent which is under the care and guidance of Rev. Beth Honey.
- St Mark's Parish in Derwent and St Philip's Parish in Chaddesden, where Fr Michael is associate priest.
- A new church plant in St Philip's Parish that will be initiated and under the care of Rev. Sarah Watson.
- Open Table in Spondon - a fresh expression of church that particularly welcomes LGBTQIA+ people, their families and those who support them.

We also have a growing connection with the Journey Community in Wilmorton, a fresh expression of church under the care and guidance of Rev. Cath which has also rapidly developed an online presence.

We are all working together, alongside each other and we will all be engaging in mission and ministry across the Fellowship, so as we come out of lockdown you'll be seeing a more varied pattern of clergy across our communities. Fr Julian's job is to hold the parochial structure of PCCs etc and to work alongside wardens, retired clergy and indeed all of us with regards what can be described as traditional church and the pastoral offices of weddings, baptisms and funerals.

In the coming weeks, we will welcome Kate Smedley as the Curate of Spondon and Sharon Murphy to Derwent Oak. Due to Covid-19 Sharon and Kate will have their ordination delayed, but they will be licensed at the start of July.

All of this means traditional church in each parish is going to change in the months ahead. This was inevitable following Covid-19 which has simply sped up that change. Service times may change, some things need to end but this is only to enable new work to take place!

I really hope and pray that we can move away from a 'my church' mentality to know that we are all called to be disciples and not simply to expect people to come to church in the way we understand it, but open our hearts to want to raise a new generation of people who wish to know and follow Jesus. With great love. Fr J.

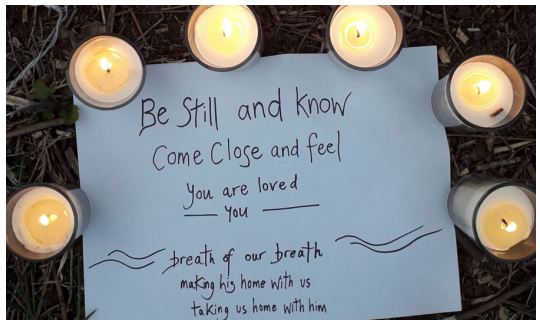
God met us first in a garden

Revd Beth Honey, Pioneer Minister of Derwent Oak Fresh Expressions Church, lights candles in her garden to unite the local community.

She writes:

Our garden has always been an important place of gathering and encounter for Derwent Oak (Derby City).

It is a place we learned to ask for help more than offer it, in the early days of living in Derby as we asked our neighbours to a gardening party.



It is the place we first realised people would help us host a party, and come to one, when we had a bonfire.

But when we realised that we wouldn't be able to meet again in homes, which is the heart of Derwent Oak, for many months, the garden began to speak again.

Could we open it, even in lock down?

So, we simply shared a thought on Facebook in our group and on the pages we host and are connected to.

Did anyone want us to light a candle on a Thursday evening, for someone or something that mattered to them that they had lost, whether or not due to Covid-19.

People have steadily asked us to do that, people we know, friends of friends online, connections through volunteering through the local Covid-19 response hub, and strangers connecting through social media.

We dream that slowly people may come to light candles as individuals and small groups, and have begun to commission some local artists to create pieces to enhance the garden as a place of encounter.

We hope to blend community on and offline.

Part of the story of this season is lament and grief that has been suppressed by circumstance, and part of the motivation of these candles is to find expression in a place where people often lack confidence to connect to church, even when the doors are open.

A simple invitation closer to home is perhaps what is needed, and outdoors may be a safe space for more reasons than we realise.

The Acting Dean writes...

I'm writing during Mental Health Awareness Week, and I don't suppose that as you're reading, still in the midst of months of lockdown and uncertainty about the future, any of us will be less aware of the importance of mental health. Over the last few years we've learned more about the need to recognise that and talk about it, and begun to learn how it's connected to our practices of prayer and service.

If you haven't seen the reflections which are part of the Church of England's resources for mental health awareness, do have a look. The one that particularly caught my eye as something for us now is this one: 'blessed are those who mourn'.

As the writer says, it may not seem the most upbeat thought. But if you're mourning, or at a loss, or hurting, a nice upbeat poster saying 'Cheer Up!' is not going to help. We need to name our loss. That's not the same thing at all as wanting things to be back as they were. Naming our loss means recognising what or who we miss, and being able to give thanks for that. And it means knowing where we are now, and being able to rebuild.

I read the reflection and I remembered the most cheerful funeral I ever did, the one for a member of the Guinea Pig Club – the WW2 aircrew who suffered terrible burns and were treated by Archibald McIndoe, a pioneer of plastic surgery and rehabilitation. This was decades later, and the Club no longer met officially, but all of them who could still came to each other's funerals. And by then they were getting on a bit, so they met quite often. It was one of the most friendly, talkative, supportive funeral gatherings I've ever seen. They were amazing people. Things had happened to them that nobody until then had survived. They had been almost literally rebuilt, and that meant they were guinea pigs for things that had never been tried before. You may know the feeling. They were realistic, and adaptable, and they supported each other. They never asked to be guinea pigs. But they found blessing in it.'



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

Ways to worship in Lockdown



Online

St Werburgh, Spondon

facebook.com/StWerburghSpondon

Thursdays at 7.00pm

Sundays at 10.00am

Download the order of service for the Sunday service at stwerburgh.com/covid-19

Church of England

churchofengland.org

Sundays at 9.00am

Time to Pray app

Prayers for each day.



Phone

Daily Hope

CofE free phone - listen to hymns, services, readings and prayers.

0800 804 8044



TV and Radio

National Act of Worship - Sunday, 8.00am,
BBC Radio Derby

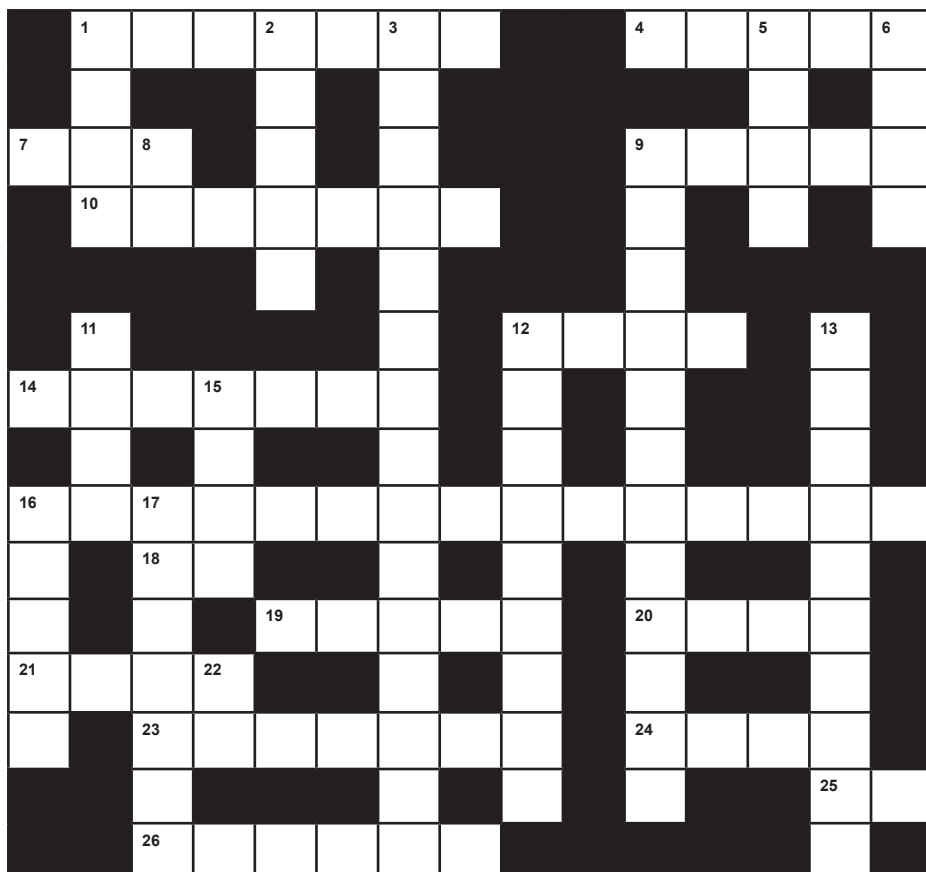
BBC Sunday Sermon - Sunday, 8.10am,
BBC Radio 4

BBC Sunday Worship - Sunday, AM,
BBC1

Songs of Praise - Sunday, 1.15pm, BBC1

Choral Evensong - Sunday, 3.00pm,
BBC Radio 3

Val's Crossword



Suggestions for a Lockdown Holiday

If you can't go 21a (4) for your holiday this year, have some days out locally. Take a coach trip to 16a (10,5), Fly a 15d (4) but don't get the strings in a 26a (7). Have a ride on a shiny 9a (5) steam engine at 12d (9). Go cycling on the 3d (10,5). Enjoy fresh air 14a (7) along the 10a (7) 16d (5) 11d (4). Go down a 1d (4) near Castleton at the 9d (4,4,4). Visit Gulliver's Kingdom at the 1s (7) 25a (2) 17d (7). Go to 13d (10) 19a (15) for some bird watching and a wild flower walk. Don't touch 23a (7) - its a poisonous plant! I don't think it 2d (5) in 4a (5)shire anyway!). You could refresh yourself at a local hostelry where they 12a (4) 5d (4) 7a (3). A night walk is nice in the 20a (4) light. I know of no 6d (4) locally, perhaps you need to go to the Himalayas 24a (4) year for them! 8d (2) hesitated but 22d (2) crept in by iteself, it's what Shakespeare calls you!