

ALL SAINTS'



ALIVE

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone

VICAR'S VIEWPOINT
"Very much alive"

Dear friends,

As restrictions begin to ease, and we begin to think about a 'new normal', I want to write to update you and **thank you all for your encouragement and support during these challenging times.**

I've been overwhelmed by the level of pastoral and practical support given and received by so many and all the lovely phone calls that people look forward to everyday. We hope to carry on this wonderful pastoral care for people who remain isolated and have loved being in touch.

On behalf of us all, I would like to thank Martin Penny, our Parish Administrator, who has helped us stay connected through working tirelessly on our many electronic platforms of communication and enabled us to worship together via Zoom and live streaming on YouTube, and the Ford Family and the Stephens-Jones' who have made sure that we have music and hymns, also Nick and Marion Hassell.

Thank you to the small team who have been circulating hard copies of prayers and All Saints Alive to those not online.

We're also very grateful to Nerine who has organised the pastoral support through phone calls and ensured that she has kept in touch with our Messy Church families.

We are very grateful to everyone who has worked quietly behind the scenes to make sure that we, the people of All Saints and beyond, flourish and have been able to remain safe and cared for, particularly Colin, Janet, and Julia.

Thanks also go to Rosemary and Andrew for hosting some fun quizzes on Zoom, they have

kept our brains active and have given us lots of fun and laughter together!

Thanks also to Andrew for making lists of contacts and keeping us all in touch.

Thank you all for your support during this time and for your continuing financial support, without which our ability to continue would be very difficult indeed.

When might we return to worshipping in church?

At the beginning of this crisis we were suddenly thrown into a very steep learning curve as we began to conduct our services via Zoom and Live streaming. After lots of trial and error, and a few glitches, the response has been overwhelmingly positive. Some of us are, understandably, beginning to ask when it might be possible to safely return to our church buildings for worship, and the simple answer is that we don't really know.

What we do know is that it will be gradual. Government guidelines suggest that places of worship will be included in the third phase of opening at the beginning of July, but it remains to be seen how possible and how practical this would be, given social distancing and the many new measures we would have to implement.

We will be looking at this carefully over the next couple of weeks and will keep in touch about how we will open our Church.

You may know that churches may be able to open for private prayer, and details are given below. Julia and I would be there to meet and greet people.

We look forward to the day when we can safely meet face-to-face, but for the time being we will look at how we may continue to worship together, reaching a larger number of people, so please can I encourage you to invite friends and family to join us if they would like to. The more the merrier! Just let us know

who to add to our mailing list (email: vicar@allsaintshertford.org)

Until we can safely meet again, may God continue to hold you in his love and peace.
Love, Jo

Church open for Private Prayer

Following the recent change in Government policy, the church will be open for individual private prayer on Thursday 25th June from 10am to 12 noon and Sunday 28th June from 2pm to 4pm.

If successful, we aim to continue the same pattern each week until we are able to resume public worship. Measures are in place to minimise risk of COVID-19 transmission but if you decide to visit you do so at your own risk. Please observe the following rules to reduce danger to yourself and others:

1. Use the hand sanitiser provided on arrival and departure.
2. Keep 2m from other visitors.
3. Follow the instructions of the stewards.
4. Avoid touching furniture and other surfaces as far as possible.
5. If you can, avoid using the toilet.

We are looking for more people to steward the church.

If you can help please contact Jo (01992 584899, vicar@allsaintshertford.org) or Julia (0786 4080034, giving@allsaintshertford.org)

Worshipping together – apart

Until it is safe to do so we are having to worship apart. But there are ways of being together, both for those with the Internet and those without.

Without the Internet

Each week we are producing a set of prayers, a short reflection and more that we can print out, along with the collects and readings and either deliver or post to you. If you would like us to do this, please contact Jo (contact

details below) and she will put you in touch with the team.

With the Internet

We are providing worship resources on-line at <https://www.allsaintshertford.org/worship.php> and a video service on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3VBtMX4REmW7HpS9N0SvA>. All videos will commence at 10.00 am. Some services will also be shown using Zoom. If you would like to take part, please email us at onzoom@allsaintshertford.org.

Full information is on our website <https://www.allsaintshertford.org/>.

Coffee and Cake!

Until it's possible to meet physically, let's meet virtually to spend time together and enjoy each other's company. Have a cup of coffee and a slice of cake to hand!

We will have time to chat and possibly share a reflection and end with a short time of prayer.

We look forward to seeing you on a Tuesday morning on Zoom at 10.00 am. Join either by phone or computer/iPad.

To get the Zoom invitation, please contact Nerine on 01992 504893 or 07535803529.

Need help?

The All Saints family would like to reach out to those who are isolated and could do with someone to talk to. We have a group of friends who would like to support all those who need it.

If it would be helpful for you to have someone call you, please email us on support@allsaintshertford.org or call Rev Jo on 01992 584899 and she will arrange for someone to get in touch.

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