



St John's,
Tipton

Weekly Newsheet

31st August and 6th September 2020

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Dear Church Family,

Re-Opening St John's Church – Sunday 13th September 11am

It's with great pleasure that we are able to let you know that we are finally re-opening for public worship at St John's church on Sunday 13th September. We are delighted to be able to worship together once again and give thanks to the Lord for His provision. As you might expect however, things will look a little different so I'll set out the changes and what you might expect.

- A 'Booking system' will operate as seating will be socially spaced seating and therefore numbers will be limited. Details for this are below.
- Services will be short – no longer than 40 minutes and Morning Prayer to begin with.
- No singing is permitted.
- No refreshments will be available following the service
- The service will start at the **new time of 11am** to allow the Vicar to have previously taken a service at St Mary's.
- Please sanitise your hands on arrival and on leaving.
- Face masks **must** be worn.
- Toilets will be closed
- We will make a note of your attendance in line with the Government track and trace system. These details of attendance will be shredded after 21 days (so no-one is keeping track of you!!)

Finally, can I just reassure you that online services will be continuing as will the online coffee after church, Sunday Evening Prayer, Tuesday Morning Prayer and Pop-in coffee on Thursday. Do still join us! We'd love to see you.

I know things will be different but I'm glad to say that we still worship the same Lord "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8). However our experience of church may change, Jesus doesn't!

With my prayers for you all,
Lynn.

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NOTICES

Church Booking system

To book your place at church please contact Colin and Rosemary Morton:

colin_rosemary@outlook.com

or ring 01246 861888

Please ring/email by Friday tea time to book your seat. If it turns out that we are full that week, you will be put on the top of the list for the following week. We hope you will be understanding if we cannot accommodate you on a particular week. We'd be grateful if you wouldn't turn up to church 'on spec'.

Lynn Away

Lynn is away 31 Aug until 11th September – Please contact a Church warden or one of the other Team clergy if you have any pastoral issues.

What's on this week

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DETAILS (password and ID) ARE THE SAME EVERY WEEK – you can use any week's details to join. You may just want to print this out to keep.

Sunday 12 noon- Coffee after Church (St John's Church)

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88939397383?pwd=eWt3dzRFdTJkQUV1eklrTVRLMVFwdz09>

Meeting ID: 889 3939 7383

Password: 581481

Sunday 6pm – Praying together

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83764610729?pwd=TXo5UzhMRXUwN2tPbEFwTWJlbXYvdz09>

Meeting ID: 837 6461 0729

Password: 703237

Tuesday 9am – Morning Prayer

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89624129307?pwd=cjFjK21VV3FLem1iTGtKOUtEK1JBdz09>

Meeting ID: 896 2412 9307

Password: 681530

Thursday 10am – Pop-In for coffee

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86210249687?pwd=ejAvUTNETGRneTBYVUUhXeGh1L1lZQT09>

Meeting ID: 862 1024 9687

Password: 046923

Readings for Week beginning 31st August:

Monday: Psalm 98; 2 Samuel 11; Acts 8: 26-end

Tuesday: Psalm 106; 2 Samuel 12: 1-25; Acts 9: 1-19a

Weds: Psalm 111; 2 Samuel 15: 1-12; Acts 9:19b-31

Thursday Psalm 115; 2 Samuel 15: 13-end; Acts 9: 32-end

Friday: Psalm 139; 2 Samuel 16: 1-14; Acts 10: 1-16

Readings for Week beginning 7th September:

Monday: Psalm 126; 2 Samuel 18: 1-8; Acts 10: 34-end

Tuesday: Psalm 132; 2 Samuel 18: 19- 19: 8a; Acts 11: 1-18

Weds: Psalm 119: 153-end; 2 Samuel 19: 8b-23; Acts 11: 19-end

Thursday Psalm 143; 2 Samuel 19: 24-end; Acts 12: 1-17

Friday: Psalm 144; 2 Samuel 23: 1-7; Acts 12: 18-end

Prayers

Let us pray for the church and the world and thank God for his goodness.

Gracious God, we pray for peace, justice and reconciliation throughout the world. We pray for the honouring of human rights, and for the relief of the oppressed. We pray for world leaders as they seek to negotiate good relations between nations and an end to the use of destructive weapons of war.

We pray for the renewal of the Church in faith, love and service. We pray for church leaders that they would faithfully proclaim your word and seek justice and truth. We pray for the life of our church community. We give thanks for the gift of your word,

the grace of the sacraments and the fellowship of your people. We pray that our living witness of faith would draw to you others who might know the joy of your forgiveness and love.

We pray for our local community and for all people in their daily life and work. We pray for all schools as children return for a new term and teachers as they prepare to teach them. Help them as they adjust to new ways of doing things.

We remember the on-going challenges faced by all in our society. We pray for those who fear job losses, who are unable to visit loved ones, who are struggling to cope with the changes the pandemic has brought about. We pray also who are in need; for the sick, sorrowful and bereaved. We pray for all who bring comfort, care and healing. We give thanks for human love and friendship and for all that enriches our daily lives.

We pray for those who mourn and ask that we might share in their mourning and comprehend a measure of their loss. As Jesus wept at the grave of his friend Lazarus and raised him to life may we share in his refusal to allow death to be the final enemy and share the good news of resurrection and life everlasting through the gift of Jesus Christ.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

Collect for 12th Sunday After Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**