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'To Know Christ and to make him Known'



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For contacting, various groups see the front page of Toothill Church Website. Welcome to everyone worshipping with us today; for those who have difficulty hearing there is a loop system in operation.

In Partnership (The Partnership Monthly magazine):

http://wswinlyd.org.uk/news

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<u>Next Sunday</u> Mr David Hoar (Armour of God)

Covid regulations for Toothill Church

If you are planning to come to church on Sundays, please be aware of the following guidelines, even though the government has relaxed the rules. Churches have vulnerable people attending services therefore to try to keep everyone safe we will continue with these guidelines..

- 1 Do not come to church if you are feeling unwell.
- 2 Please continue to wear a mask while moving about in the church but feel free to remove the mask once you sit in your seat.
- 3 Seating will still be social distanced.
- 4 The NHS QR reader or the sheet for you to put your name on will remain in place for you to check in
- 5 Hand sanitisers will remain, please use them.
- 6 Singing will be allowed but gently not singing with full gusto. (No matter how tempting it might be)
- 7 While singing we ask you to wear a mask.

The Committee will keep a careful watch on how well these measures work and will review them at any time also the above are subject to change in accordance with government or denominational guidelines.

For Holy Communion we will be using the small glasses and pre cut bread ready for distribution. All prepared under sanitised conditions and the officiant will sanitise hands immediately prior to distribution.

We want everyone to feel safe and assured that we are doing everything we can to make our worship an enjoyable and spiritual period of praise. *Toothill Church committee*

Music Group Dates

All music group times will be 10.45 – 12.15. Wednesday 25th August Wednesday 22nd September Wednesday 13th October Wednesday 27th October

<u>Property & Finance meeting</u> Monday 23rd August Property & Finance 7.00pm in the church

Church Committee meeting Tuesday September 28th 7.30

Prayers for today



Do please let us know if there is someone you would like to add to the list for prayer, remembering that we must have the permission of the person for whom we would be praying. Please pray for Jan and Gordon, Bill and Rhoda, Ann Beaumont, Graham's cousin Hayley, Norris and Ruth, Sarah, Hazel, Tina, and all those you know who are in need of God's special love, care and healing.

We pray for our ministers Clive, Rachael, Trevor and Teresa and all our children's and worship leaders and their families across the Partnership.

May God bless us all with wisdom and strength to face each day's challenges.

Please pray for your home congregation that they may be sustained as we meet together again, and for the continuing work with our children, young people and families in West Swindon.

We pray for Grace, Peace and a way forward in your Love in these uncertain times in our lives. May we continually thank God for his great Love and Faithfulness.

St Mary's Strawberry Cream Teas

Dates: Sundays - August 15, 22, 29. September 12, 19. Times: 1.30 - 4.30 pm Price: £3.50 per person Place: Outside the stable-room.

These events can only take place WEATHER PERMITTING. Tables/chairs will be cleaned between customers. Orders will be taken at the tables and delivered to you at your tables. Cash payment only please. Feel free to circulate this to your friends and families. Come along yourself and bring people with you.

Risk Assessments have been carried out to keep all our customers Covid-safe. Your co-operation would be appreciated.

Some alternatives available:

- Fruit or plain scones
- Soya milk
- Gluten-free cakes
- Decaffeinated tea/coffee
- Orange juice/squash
- With Every Blessing,

Lynwen Morgan On behalf of St Mary's Church Communications Group



(Picture of Devonshire Cream Tea)

Prayer

God of abundance,

Thank you for the abundance on earth, - thank you that nature points to your glorious generosity; The hundreds and thousands of leaves on a tree, - the blossoms that drip off a branch in all their splendour, - insects that buzz about, filling the air with their dance, bees that dart around bringing life on their wings, birds that lavish their song on all with ears to hear.

God of abundance,

Thank you for the life of our planet, for the flocks of sheep that grow and expand each season, For the deer that stay in the shadows and thrive, For ducks that own and delight in ponds, For giraffe that gaze protectively over the landscape, For elephants that make their presence felt, For leopards that blend into the undergrowth and yet stand out.

God of abundance,

Thank you for the abundance of your love – a love that holds us in all life, a love that encompasses all that we do, A love that allows us to thrive in all things Amen

<u>All services will be in the church every two weeks until September when they will be every week.</u> <u>Subject to any Covid regulations.</u>

September Services

Sunday 5thRev Rachael WilsonCommunionSunday 12thMr Mark DowlingSunday 19thRev Shirlyn Topping (Superintendent, Upper Thames Methodist Circuit)Sunday 26thMr David HoarHarvest Festival

Polish Church

To be advised.

Jess says- Peace begins with smile – Guess with Jess?



This year summer quiz - guess the place. Jess may not appear in all the photographs. Answer to last week's picture - Stourhead

1 Owned by the National Trust situated in Devon 2 Many fictitious murders were devised here.

3 The area and grounds gave inspiration.

Toothill Church website

