

Parishes News Sheet for ...

St Nicholas Charlwood & Emmanuel Sidlow Bridge

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25th July 2021 – St James the Apostle



Details for Church By Telephone

Please note new numbers

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SERVICES

Sunday 25 th July	9.30am - Said Communion at St Nicholas' 6pm - Evening Prayer via telephone
Wednesday 28 th July	7pm Night Prayer via telephone
Sunday 1 st August	11am – Said Communion at Emmanuel 6pm - Evening Prayer via telephone

PRAYER BOX

Please pray for:

Those who live and work in Dolby Green and Duxhurst Lane.

Our organists and choirs.

The sick, isolated and troubled and those who care for them.

Those we have loved but see no more, those who have recently died, and those who mourn for them.

LATEST UPDATE FROM REV SUE

What next? Although COVID regulations are no longer law, we are being advised to be very cautious. There is still a high level of infection, and I am aware that there are a number of cases locally. Having got this far, it seems right to move slowly, and we have always said that we would stay with our current pattern until the end of July at least. So, this Sunday there will be no change, I would ask you to continue wearing face coverings, for the sake of others, if not for your own protection.

We are at St Nicholas' this Sunday (25th July) at 9.30am and next Sunday (1st August) we will be at Emmanuel at 11am.

The rest of the services for August will keep to the pattern we have set alternating between the churches, and we will keep social distancing in part of each church, so those who wish to remain at a distance can do so, I would also request that masks are worn for the time being. However, we will be able to sing behind our masks! By September more of the adult population will have been vaccinated and hopefully the current spike in cases passed.

Living in Love and Faith: Don't forget to sign up for the autumn course. The organisers have requested that we sign up sooner rather than later, so they know how many to expect and can sort things out accordingly. If you want more general information the web site is:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith>.

You will find details of the course and how to sign up at:

www.reigatedeanery.org.uk/llf

If you do not have internet access, please contact me for further information and to sign up.



SUNDAY READINGS ETC.

COLLECT

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING — *Acts 11.27-12.2*

²⁷At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. ²⁹The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers* living in Judea; ³⁰this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul. ¹²About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ²He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

PSALM 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter
and our tongue with songs of joy.
- 3 Then said they among the nations,
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
- 4 The Lord has indeed done great things for us,
and therefore we rejoiced.
- 5 Restore again our fortunes, O Lord,
as the river beds of the desert.
- 6 Those who sow in tears
shall reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed,
will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them.

GOSPEL READING – *Matthew 20.20-28*

²⁰Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. ²¹And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' ²²But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?'²² They said to him, 'We are able.' ²³He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for

whom it has been prepared by my Father.’²⁴When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. ²⁵But Jesus called them to him and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ²⁶It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; ²⁸just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

WEEKDAY READINGS

- Monday** - Psalm 27, Ezekiel 28.1-19, James 2.1-13
Tuesday - Psalm 32, Ezekiel 33.1-20, James 2.14-end
Wednesday - Psalm 34, Ezekiel 33.21-end, James 3
Thursday - Psalm 37, Ezekiel 34.1-16, James 4.1-12
Friday - Psalm 31, Ezekiel 34.17-end, James 4.13-5.6
Saturday - Psalm 41, Ezekiel 36.16-36, James 5.7-end

AND FINALLY ...

Are you enjoying the hot weather? I meet some who say how wonderful it is and others who really do not like it. I must admit I’m in the second category and would rather have it cold than (what I consider) too hot. Somehow the heat seems to fry my brain and sap my energy. So, if I’m not making much sense you know why! Do take care of yourselves, keep drinking (water I mean!) and slapping on the factor 50.

The one thing the hot weather does is to give us a good excuse to stay in and watch the various sports that are happening at the moment. Maybe even the Olympics assuming they are not overwhelmed by COVID.

Please continue to pray for all those having to make very difficult decisions at the moment and balance people’s safety, financial needs, the economy and the capacity of health services.

Take care everyone and God bless.

Sue