

WHEATHILL PRIORY BENEFICE

“Jesus Lives: Follow Him”

Sunday 1 August 2021 9th Sunday after Trinity

For many years the church generally, and the Church of England in particular, has disagreed about how we understand issues around sexuality, gender, identity and relationships. Different people read the Bible differently with different outcomes and sadly often we have been critical of one another if we disagree.

The C of E has now produced ‘Living in Love and Faith: videos, podcasts, a book and a course. Within this deanery we are going to hold the course in the autumn on a Tuesday evening, online and Wednesday morning onsite, that is in person (probably in Glastonbury).

I wonder if this whole area is one where many of us are uncomfortable with. Maybe we don’t really have the language, we’re unsure how to talk without offending others. Or maybe we know precisely what we think and are not ready to hear other viewpoints, or we just wish it would all go away, and we see it as something that is related to contemporary life.

I don’t come at this with answers, nor am I comfortable with the conversation. However, I recognise that the approach of the church over many years, particularly the public ‘shouting’ nature of disagreement, has not helped our mission or relationships within society. So, within my deanery role I’m leading the course for Glastonbury.

Would you like to take part? Each week will include Bible Study, discussion, an opportunity to listen to one another and to learn from each other. I hope that it will help us to disagree better and give us a better understanding of viewpoints different to our own. We start on 28 and 29 September.

Details are elsewhere in this bulletin, but please also ask Jane about the course and how to book, there are flyers and posters in each of our churches and please pray for myself as Rev Preb Stephen Lynas as we prepare to lead these sessions.

Bible Readings

Sunday 1 August Psalm 51:1-13, Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35

8:30am Holy Communion Barton St David

10:30am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

Monday Psalm 44, Ezekiel 37:1-14, Mark 1:1-13

9am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

Tuesday Psalm 48, Ezekiel 37, 15-end, Mark 1:14-20

Wednesday Psalm 119:57-80, Ezekiel 39:21-end, Mark 1:21-28

7:30pm Bible Book Club Lydford on Fosse

Thursday Psalm 57 Ezekiel 43:1-12, Mark 1:29-end

9am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Friday Psalm 27, 1 Kings 19:1-16, 1 John 3:1-3

Saturday Psalm 68, Ezekiel 47:1-12, Mark 2:13-22

Sunday 8 August 10:30am Holy Communion Lydford followed by a BBQ, please let Jennie Cooper (01963 240236) know if you would like to come

Our plan is that we will worship outside as much as possible from 8 August onwards, so if you can bring your own chair that would be good!

On 22 August, why not bring a Picnic to church with you? The choir are preparing to sing at the Bath and West Show on Saturday 28 August and will be rehearsing on 22 August after church with a Picnic, so if you bring your picnic you can hear the songs and we can all enjoy time together.

Our guidelines for how we're gathering for worship for the next month accompany this email but headlines are:

- We're recommencing singing
- We will continue to film and livestream/record & post to YouTube
- We're encouraging the wearing of masks
- We continue to take details of who is present for track and trace
- You can either sit in close proximity with someone or be distanced (if you want to be distanced please take a notice and put it on the pew beside you)
- Communion continues to be administered in pews and in one kind only

We will revisit these guidelines in the next month so please do speak to Jane or a church warden about how you feel as we continue to open things up

Phone Church

We have set up a phone line that you can use (for the cost of a local call so probably free for most) to listen to a reading, the reflection and prayers of intercession for the week. The

phone number is **01458 552155**. The service will be available from Monday morning.



There is also the Church of England Daily Hope phone line, which has hymns, prayers and reflection

A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

YouTube

Our weekly worship continues to be available on YouTube, we hope to livestream the services as they happen, so from 10:30am. If that fails we will upload them after the service. You can find the service here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9tB_kpGA8SZwwyE9AmKvmg/videos?view=57

August worship

8/8/21 10:30am Holy Communion Lydford, followed by a BBQ

15/8/21 10:30am Holy Communion Kingweston

22/8/21 10:30am Holy Communion Keinton Mandeville

29/8/21 10:30am Holy Communion Barton St David

From 8 august as many services as possible will be outside (weather permitting)

Zoom Details:**Topic: Morning Prayer****Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8750238874?pwd=dkpVVnNoZnhvcUJCeVNsYTdJRHZOZz09>

Meeting ID: 875 0238 8874

Passcode: 115224

Living in Love and Faith Course

Tuesday evenings on Zoom on 28 September, 5, 12, 19 October, 2, 9 November
7:00 – 9:00pm on Zoom

Wednesday mornings onsite (in-person) probably in Glastonbury on 29
September, 6, 13, 20 October, 3, 10 November 10:00am – 12:00pm

To book please email: <mailto:llf.glastonbury@gmail.com>

If you'd like more information then please speak to Jane

Bible Book Club

We meet monthly and talk about a book of the Bible. Our next meeting is on
4 August at 7:30pm and we're going to talk about Matthew's Gospel. Why
not come along & see what happens.