

Latest news from the Parish of Goring by Sea. 10th September 2020.

Open for Prayer

St Mary's Church is open for prayer every day from 10 am to 3 pm.

St Laurence's Church can be opened by request.

(Please contact Geoff Oliver By email geoffrey_oliver@ntlworld.com or telephone 01903 240540).

Coronavirus rule of six does not apply to worship

The Government's ban on social gatherings of more than six people, which comes into force on Monday, will not apply to public worship in churches. Essentially the rules for worship remain the same

The Archbishop of Canterbury wrote on Twitter on Wednesday morning: "After contact with Government we hear that there is no change to guidance on places of worship".

At the time of going to press we await more detailed guidance, but we understand that our church halls will be able to remain open as long as the activities continue to adhere to strict social distancing rules. 'COVID-19 Secure venues can still host larger numbers in total but groups of up to 6 must not mix or form larger groups'.

Coffee and Danish

Due to the later time and some of the restrictions place on hall use we will be introducing Coffee and Danish in place of the advertised Parish breakfast. On Sunday September 20th we will be serving Coffee and Danish in St Mary's Church Hall between 10.00 and 11.00am. This will hopefully allow both the 9.00am and 11.00am service congregations to meet up in a safe and socially distanced way. Please book a place through the Parish Office as we shall have to keep a register. We will look forward to seeing you there.

Diocesan Live streaming arrangements for Sunday 13 September to welcome bishops Ruth & Will

A reminder that this weekend [Sunday 13 September] is a hugely important one in the life of the Diocese as we formally welcome Bishop Ruth and Bishop Will at special services to be held in the Cathedral. The two services of welcome [two because of social distancing] will be live streamed so everyone further afield will be able to join in the celebrations.

+Will who is now the Bishop of Lewes and + Ruth, who is new Bishop of Horsham will be formally installed at 2pm and 3.30pm respectively. Here is a link for you to share in the moment

[LINK HERE](#)

A Retreat Opportunity



Finding God in all things...

The pandemic, with the need to lockdown with limited opportunities to meet together, has left many of us feeling in need of spiritual nurture. Those who feel able, are invited on an Ignition journey "**Finding God in all things**" at Wychcroft Retreat Centre, Bletchingly, Surrey from Monday 26th until Wednesday 28th October.

This journey is in response to God's invitation. We don't need to be experts in anything in particular, neither do we need to have achieved any particular kind of prayerfulness before we take part. All we bring is ourselves, and our openness to journey with God. The retreat is limited in numbers to comply with social distancing guidelines and will only go ahead if this type of event is permitted at the time.

For more details speak to Janice or Keith Lelliott. 01903 504384 or email keithlelliott@yahoo.co.uk

The Annual Church Parochial Meeting (APCM) of the Parish of Goring by Sea. **Sunday 11th October at 12.15 pm**

The APCM postponed from 27th April 2020, will be held in St Mary's Church at 12.15 p.m. following the 11.00 am Eucharist on Sunday 11th October 2020. The meeting will also be available via Zoom. Due to restrictions you will need to register to attend this meeting. Further details will be given in future editions of the newsletter, website, Facebook and church noticeboards. Nomination forms will be made available in church, and electronically. There are a number of vacancies to be filled. Please contact Fr Keith or the Wardens for more information.

Parish Electoral Roll will need to be revised (again) later this month in readiness for the APCM. Anyone who is not already on the Roll and wishes to be included, please contact the office by email (office@goringbyseaparish.org) or phone (01903 709163) and leave a message for a form, which will be sent out by post.

Services in St Mary's Church this Sunday

09.00 Said Eucharist. Book of Common Prayer.

11.00 Said Eucharist. Common Worship. **(Also live streamed via Facebook)**

Register at office@goringbyseaparish.org or if you do not have e-mail by telephoning the Parish Office 01903 709163 and leaving a voicemail message.

Please be aware that everybody will be required to wear a face covering whilst in church (exemptions apply, see government guidance for more detail).

Online services this week

Sunday 11.00 a.m. The Eucharist on Sunday, live from St Mary's Church.

The above service will be streamed <https://www.facebook.com/StMaryAndStLaurenceGoringBySea/>

Thursday 10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer will be said via Zoom.

<https://www.zoom.us> Meeting ID: **955 2642 8233** Password: **386017**

Revd Neill Stannard – Please remember Fr Neill and his family in your prayers. He was licensed to the Parish at the Bishop's Chapel on Tuesday 8th September and his priesting will be on 3rd October in Goring. He will be with us for worship on the 4th October.

Pastoral visits. Please let Fr. Keith or the Wardens know if you have a personal pastoral concern or may know of somebody in need.

God Bless, **Gill, Janice, Ruth and Geoff.**

Donations

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