

Latest news from the Parish of Goring by Sea. 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

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## **New Services in St Mary's and St Laurence's Churches and online**

We are delighted to announce some new services beginning in October and November.

**Weekday Eucharist. Common Worship**  
**In St Laurence's Church each Thursday at 10.00 a.m. from 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

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**All Age Worship.**  
**Sunday 1st November 2020 at 10.00 a.m. (replacing the 11.00 am Eucharist)**

We are really missing our children and their families. In order to facilitate their **return to church** within the present restrictions, we will be trialing a shorter child friendly service on the 1<sup>st</sup>. November. Having re thought how we can worship with as many of our usual features, for example craft activities, we will be providing all children with a take away activity bag. This will include colouring and crafts to do during the service (seated in the pew) and or take away; and because the children told us they like this about St Mary's – a biscuit! This shorter service will have music and the very popular animation cartoon gospel. Children will also be invited to read and say prayers with their adult family members. We will continue to adhere to strict social distancing and family bubbles will be invited to **Book a Pew**. More details will be given nearer the time, but its not too early to - **BOOK YOUR PEW!**

**From the 7<sup>th</sup> October onwards:**

**Online Morning Prayer will be said on a Wednesday morning at 10.00 a.m. via Zoom**  
**(this replaces the online Thursday Morning Prayer)**

### **Harvest Festival**

There will be a Harvest Festival Focus on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October** at both Eucharist services. Please double your efforts to bring items for Family Support Work to these services. They are low across all items in particular, soup, tinned meat, tinned vegetables and tinned fruit.

## **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)**

Please register at the Parish Office. Face coverings should be worn in church at both services.

## **Online services this week**

**Sunday 11.00 a.m.** The Eucharist on Sunday, live from St Mary's Church.  
Streamed on <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 8<sup>th</sup> September and his priesting will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> October in St. Mary's. He will be with us for worship on the 4<sup>th</sup> October.

Unfortunately spaces are significantly restricted but the service will be streamed on <https://www.facebook.com/StMaryAndStLaurenceGoringBySea/>

## **Molson Garden – help and bulbs?**

Many thanks to all of you who have so generously donated bulbs for the Molson Garden We plan to plant towards the end of October so will leave the box out for a couple more weeks, to receive any further donations. If you would like to join the group as a one off or regularly please contact Gill Keevill ([gilliankeevill@me.com](mailto:gilliankeevill@me.com))

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

The APCM postponed from 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020, will be held in St Mary's Church at 12.15 p.m. following the 11.00 am Eucharist on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The meeting will also be available via Zoom. Due to restrictions you will need to register to attend this meeting.

We need to elect the following: 2 Churchwardens (elected annually), 2 Assistant Wardens (St Laurence's Church) (elected annually), 2 PCC casual vacancies until APCM 2021, 3 PCC members, 4 Deanery Synod members.

Nomination forms will be made available in St Mary's church at services, and are attached to this newsletter. Please return electronic copies to the Parish Office and hard copies to the Parish Office by hand or post ([office@goringbyseaparish.org](mailto:office@goringbyseaparish.org))

As well as the above we are looking to appoint a new **PCC Secretary and a Safeguarding Officer** (this post can be shared). These posts are vacant as Janet Annis and Alison Evans will both be stepping down from their roles at the APCM, after a number of years of hard work and faithful service. We thank them both for all they have given to the Lord in service to the Parish. Please consider prayerfully if the Lord may be calling you to this service. If you want to know more about the roles please speak to Janet, Alison or the Wardens.

**Parish Electoral Roll** will need to be revised this month in readiness for the APCM. Anyone who is not already on the Roll and wishes to be included, please contact the Parish Office

### **Dates for your diary**

**The World's Biggest Coffee Morning** in aid of **MacMillan Cancer Relief** work - **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020.**

St. Mary's Church Hall between 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon or 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Come to enjoy coffee, tea, cake and importantly, company (socially distancing accepted). You may prefer to purchase on a "Take-Away" basis. Please sign up on the register via the Parish Office.

**Soup & Ploughman's Lunch. – Saturday 17 October in St Mary's Church Hall.**

In aid of Izulu Orphan Projects, our October to December 2020 Parish Mission Focus.

More details next week.



Many thanks for your continuing prayers for the Syrian refugees who have made their home in this area. Just now your prayers would be appreciated for Syrian children returning to school and nursery after the long Covid-19 break.

I am also writing to ask your prayers for a new initiative being launched by W4R this month. It is a Language Cafe aimed at helping refugees and asylum seekers improve their English language skills. Please pray that publicity for the language cafe will be effective and that news of it will reach all those who could benefit from it.

Kathryn

**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**

You can donate direct to the Parish of Goring by Sea and our various fund raising events and requests by using the QR code below (more detail in 20.8.20 newsletter or displayed in church).

