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Parish News

Wick, Doynton,
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July & August 2020

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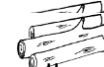


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News from St Bartholomew's

We are now able to open for "private prayer" on Saturdays, between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm. We have precautions in place to help ensure that your visit is as safe as possible: you will be able to clean the church door handles, sanitise your hands and sit in a pew/read a bible that has not been sat in/handled for a week. There is information and instructions on posters on the church door and inside.

Sadly, the Church Room (and therefore the loos) remain out of action for the time being.

Our sister churches are also open for private prayer: St Peter's, Dyrham is open on Saturdays, and Holy Trinity, Doynton is open every day.

STOP PRESS!!! The latest news is that churches can open for acts of worship/weddings etc as from July 4th. There are precautions and restrictions, naturally. Chiefly, please maintain the 2m social distancing rule, unless you are wearing a face covering when you can reduce the distance to 1m minimum. Please use the hand sanitiser on entry. Please don't shake hands or hug anyone. There will be no singing indoors (*we may attempt an outdoor service if the weather allows*) and you are advised not to converse face-to-face, to minimise droplet/aerosol spread. Our first service will be at St Bartholomew's, Wick at 11.00 am on 5th July. Thereafter we will alternate around the benefice, so that there is a service every Sunday. See separate Centre Pages pull out.

Jack Hewett

Anne and the family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers following the sad death of Jack. It was very comforting to know that people were thinking of us during these difficult times.

Jack was a well-loved member of our congregation and will be sadly missed.

No discrimination

This month we celebrate 75 years of our NHS. We are rightly proud that when we are at our most vulnerable and in need, anyone can access the very best health care. There is no discrimination of colour, faith, or gender; all will be given the very best care by our wonderful NHS staff for which we are very grateful.



This is a picture of the very best that society can give and I believe is something we should strive for at all levels of society. It is very positive that in football all take the knee in support of Black lives matter. We should affirm our solidarity with each other showing that there should be no discrimination in our society.

In these last months of the COVID pandemic we have shown how much we value the life of each person. We went to extraordinary lengths, going into lockdown and self isolation to not just protect our own lives, but to protect the lives of those around us with equal concern and no discrimination.

We value life and so we should. It's the greatest gift we have that no money can buy. We have found life is fragile and can be fleeting. It seems so robust and lasting but in the blink of an eye it can be gone.

It leaves us asking, what's life for? How should I use it? The Bible is clear that life is a gift given for relationship; with the world that we should care for, with each other who we are to love as our neighbour, and with God who loves each of us; all made in his image.

We can make a better world as we concentrate on these relationships that for too long have been abused and spoilt. We need to protect the world, affirm the equality of all with no discrimination, and build a relationship with God. He is the guide and strength we need to use our lives wisely for the good of all and to build a better world.

God bless you and keep you safe.

Rev Tim

Doynton Parish Pump

Still not much to discuss round the Pump, but some of this info is worth keeping, so in case you have recycled your previous magazine, here it is again, with a few updates.

Doynton Update

For up-to-date information, and useful links to sources of help and support, please go to the Doynton Village website, which is updated regularly: www.doyntonvillage.org. If you do not have access to the internet, some key phone numbers are on the posters displayed around the village. If you wish to join the Doynton Mutual Aid Group on WhatsApp, email doyntonvillage@live.co.uk for details. As well as general updates and information sharing, there are also two sub-groups: Doynton Kids and Doynton Gardening.

Yate, our local Foodbank reports that they now have a local company supplying them with cardboard boxes, so we no longer have to supply them ourselves. However, the North Bristol Foodbanks are still in need of them, you can find out what is currently most needed by checking their website:

www.northbristol.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food

or Facebook page: www.facebook.com/NorthBristolFoodbank

Scams: Unscrupulous people continue to take advantage of the situation: We have heard very recently of a very plausible phone call, purporting to be from the Test and Tracing agency, and they ask for your card details in order to send you a testing kit. PLEASE don't fall for this - you will never be asked for money by an official tracer. See this report on the BBC website for more information:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-53113595>

Doynton Village Market is still operating on the first and third Saturday of the month, from 9.30 – 10.00. Operating from the village hall car park, and only in dry weather, you may pay by cash or card. Contact the market controller, Elizabeth Crew, on 0117 937 3168 for more information or to place an order.

Hoily Trinity church is now open daily for private prayer.

Tim the Vicar on YouTube

Rev Tim is "streaming" live services on YouTube.

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From the parish registers: Funeral

John Bryant, 30th May 2020, St Bartholomew's, Wick.



Wick & Abson Parish Council

We would like to recognise the hard work all the local residents are doing with regards to litter picking.

We have seen a HUGE increase in visitors, and sadly this has meant copious amounts of rubbish appearing around the villages. The Parish Council has been extraordinarily pleased and gratified at the response to this problem by the local residents, and would like to say a very big THANK YOU to all who have helped to maintain our lovely spaces for everyone to enjoy.

To report fly tipping or other illegal dumping of rubbish, please use:

<https://www.southglos.gov.uk/general-information/online-services/report/>

Sunday Services July and August 2020

July 5th

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

11.00*am **Morning Worship**

Rev Tim Bell

July 12th

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am **Morning Worship**

Rob Stewart

July 19th

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am **Morning Worship**

TBC

July 26th

ST PETER'S DYRHAM

10.00am **Morning Worship**

TBC

As the restrictions surrounding the spread of the coronavirus continue to be eased, we are VERY glad to be able to bring you a service each Sunday somewhere in the Benefice.

We have taken careful note of the most recent advice from the Government, and would ask you to remember that social distancing is still recommended to be 2 metres. We can reduce this to 1m with "risk mitigation" - ie face coverings. Please observe any signage intended to keep you safe. There will be hand sanitiser available as you come into church. We advise that you do wear face coverings in church, but this is not compulsory.

August 2nd

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

11.00am **Morning Worship**

TBC

August 9th

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am **Morning Worship**

TBC

August 16th

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am **Morning Worship**

TBC

August 23rd

ST PETER'S DYRHAM

10.00am **Morning Worship**

TBC

August 30th

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am **Morning Worship**

TBC

We won't be singing, although hopefully Mrs Parfitt will be able to play the organ. Apparently, humming "may be safer"!

*Please note the 11.00 am start time for this service. This is because our lovely Rob Stewart is going to be Licenced, as the first part of his ordination, at 10.00am that morning and Rev Tim will be Zoom-ing in to that service first. We offer our heartfelt congratulations to Rob, and look forward to celebrating his postponed ordination in the autumn.