

Sunday, 2nd August 2020 – Trinity 8

The parish office is functioning from Gill's home and telephone messages to the office are checked frequently.

Please do look on our website www.lymingtonchurch.org where you can find the latest information and suggestions for supporting your prayer-life online.

Collect for Trinity 8

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

8.00 Holy Communion – St.Thomas Church

9.30 Pennington and Lymington joint service

Readings (recorded by members of our congregations)

Gospel: Matthew 14: 13-21

Romans 9: 1-5

This service will be streamed from our shared YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/channel/UCKRF1l-cpB5-rn1o5tUNWUw).

Wednesday 5th August

11am Holy Communion – St.Thomas Church

For your prayers this week:

Church: Pray for the new Province of Alexandria- created from the former Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa in the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Diocesan life: Our Bishops Tim, David and Debbie, their lead in mission and their oversight, and giving thanks for their office support.

Unwell: Christopher Browne and all who are sick.

Year's Mind: Please give names to the parish office, email or phone message.

Zoom Sunday morning coffee from 10.30am: (Please note now needs a password which is coffee)

Please join us via your computer/laptop/tablet/smartphone at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85117060907>

Alternatively, you can join the meeting with your home landline telephone at this number: **0203 051 2874**

The meeting ID: **851 1706 0907**

Sunday Services:

If there are people you know in our congregation who do not have access to the internet and would like to phone in and listen to our services, please share this information with them to join the Pennington Church zoom during the service and listen to the audio.

To phone in, please dial **0203 695 0088**. You will hear: "Welcome to Zoom, enter your meeting id followed by hash" The meeting id you need to enter is: **971 631 0618 #**

You will then hear it say "Enter your participant id followed by hash, otherwise just press hash"

Please just press the # key. then you will be asked for the passcode, please enter **1839 followed by hash#**.

You will then be part of a conference call, and able to listen to the service, and talk to others afterwards.

Zoom Saturday prayer meeting at 9am: (Please note now needs a password which is pray)

Please join us at our usual Saturday prayer meeting which is now being held on Zoom.

You can join via your computer/laptop/tablet/smartphone with video on: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83375740954>

Or you can join via your home landline phone on: **0203 481 5237** The meeting ID: **833 7574 0954**

24/7 Virtual Prayer Room for Lymington and Pennington:

Click on this link

<https://trello.com/invite/b/1U3y14xH/77d8a79a1bcc92b31d6e40b3b60b967/24-7-virtual-prayer-room>

Follow the instructions to join up via *Trello*. You'll need to create an account with your email address and set a password. If you already have a *Trello* account, the link takes you straight to the Prayer Room board. Details are also on our website.

Worship at St.Thomas Church – Sunday 2nd August 8am, Wednesday 5th August 11am:

Last week we had a very successful first Sunday of our four week trial. Reflecting on the experience we realised that we needed to move from two metre to one-and-a-half metre spacing to accommodate the congregation. Our new capacity is now around 40 (depending on how many people can sit together in pairs). This will mean however that now **FACE COVERINGS MUST BE WORN** to comply with the "one metre plus" rules.

Lymington Parish News - September magazine:

Copy of original articles for inclusion in the September magazine should reach the Editor by **Thursday 6th August** and copy from the regular monthly columnists by Friday 14th August please.

At the moment it is proposed that we continue with the emergency distribution pattern until the church is fully re-open. This means that spare copies will not be available to pick in the Narthex. A copy of the magazine is now posted on the church website but if anybody wishes to receive a printed version who does not already do so, please contact the Editor as soon as possible to help ensure that sufficient copies are printed in time for September.

Church website: lymingtonchurch.org/aboutus/magazine Editor: nigelmussett@gmail.com (Mobile: 07531 179544)

Nova Foresta Classical Players presents 'The Classic Experience':

Saturday 8th August, Lymington Band Stand, 2.30pm. A one hour concert with Phil Daish-Handy (cello) and Martin Penrose (piano) performing light classics including works by Elgar and Gershwin. Bring something to sit on and perhaps some light refreshments or a picnic.



Ride and Stride – Saturday 12th September

Last year this raised a record £70,000 for the historic churches of Hampshire and it is hoped it can take place again this year in a slightly amended form. Churches can be visited but perhaps not entered and monies can be donated on-line. Further details nearer the time but please put the date in your diary!

Church Finances:

You're probably wondering how we're getting on in the current situation, so here are the headlines.

- At the end of last December the PCC's financial resources totalled £693,422 so despite the fact that we have some significant buildings expenses ahead of us, we are well resourced.
- Our investments are standing up well to fluctuations in the financial markets.
- Our income has dropped significantly, due mostly to lack of hire income and reduced income from church services.
- Our monthly income is currently over £4,000 less than our monthly expenditure.
- As we see signs of recovery, we expect this gap to decrease.
- As in previous years, we are going to financially support The Leprosy Mission, The Mission to Seafarers, Bible Society and Church Mission Society, by donating £2,500 to each. Further to this we are also going to donate £2,500 to New Forest Basics Bank and £1,000 to the DEC Coronavirus Appeal.
- Regular, generous giving to St.Thomas will continue to be important even though we cannot attend church services in the usual way.

As Christians it is our privilege to manage and use the resources which God has given, for his purposes.

Andy Payne

Aluminium recycling – a reminder:

Many thanks for the continuing contributions of aluminium for recycling, in aid of Pennington Community Allotment.

Please do NOT put STEEL food cans in the collection box. Recently there was a large collection of steel cans – please put steel cans in your household recycling. **All food cans are made of steel, not aluminium;** exceptions are a few brands of sardines and small tins of cat food, and these say 'alu' on them. If in doubt please leave them out. Aluminium may be drinks cans, screw type wine bottle tops (but NOT beer bottle tops), pie/food containers, sweet wrappers (but not plastic ones) and aluminium foil. Please 'wash and squash'. Thank you.

Eco Church Update:

With Covid-19 understandably much in the news, we are not hearing so much about the climate crisis. The latest Eco Church update (attached with the email) includes ideas for finding out more and taking action.

Lymington & Pennington Green Week:

In the May *Parish News* I gave advanced notice that Transition Lymington was planning a town-wide Green Week in October, in conjunction with local churches and organisations. Current circumstances make much of what we were planning unviable, so we are postponing to 2021. But climate change has not gone away, and to keep sustainability on the local agenda they hope to show an environmental film via Zoom, and hold an apple pressing day. And to provide inspiration Transition Lymington has created a series of Skills Share videos – including how to make a fabric bag, make compost, and make comfrey plant feed. You can find them on the Green Week Channel on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjnp2WVI5htPR3qUPIAARJQ>

Rosie Ward

Church Mission Society in Bolivia – toxic, false cure:

After initial positive results from lockdown, Bolivia is now seeing growing rates of infection and deaths, with bodies being collected from the streets in some cities. In desperation a bill has been proposed by congress to use what is effectively a bleach to treat the virus and although the health ministry is against the proposal some people are already using it despite it being dangerous and ineffective. There are now questions as to whether elections due for September (and already postponed from May) will be able to take place, raising political tensions in the country. Do pray for our mission partners Andrew and Lisa Peart. See <https://churchmissionsociety.org/our-stories/baking-new-friends/> for details of their work.

Diocesan information:

Do visit the diocesan website at www.winchester.anglican.org/ and the cathedral website at www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/ for details of the various worship services and daily reflections on offer.