

# Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – Trinity 7

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](http://www.lymingtonchurch.org) where you can find the latest information and suggestions for supporting your prayer-life online.

## Collect for Trinity 7

Generous God,  
you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard seed,  
make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
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 13: 31-33, 44-52

Romans 8: 26-39

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

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July

11am Holy Communion – St.Thomas Church

## For your prayers this week:

*Church:* The team responsible for preparing the Lambeth Conference, which was due to be taking place now – please pray for them as they consider the implications of its postponement in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

*Diocesan life:* All in training for lay and ordained ministry across our Diocese, in their formation, learning and ongoing vocation.

*Unwell:* Christopher Browne and all who are sick.

*Departed:* Robert Griffith-Jones.

*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/IU3y14xH/77d8a79a1bccc92b31d6e40b3b60b967/24-7-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 26<sup>th</sup> July 8am, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 11am:**

After much thoughtful and prayerful consideration, of the Covid 19 regulations and the guidelines from government and the national Church, the PCC has accepted the advice of the 'Church re-opening sub-committee' and has decided to restart worship at St Thomas' with two communion services per week for a four-week trial period starting this Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> July.

The services will be our normal 8am Prayer Book service on Sundays and our 11am Common Worship service on Wednesdays. People attending will be required to use hand sanitiser on arrival, and to maintain two metre social distancing. The wearing of face coverings will be optional, unless we receive instructions to the contrary. The toilet facilities will not be open during the trial.

It has been decided to set the maximum capacity of St. Thomas' Church for worship at 30, this will be reviewed at the four week point. Seating will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. People must sit at least two metres apart, although members of the same household may sit together and a photograph showing the current church layout is printed at the end of the news sheet. Full details of the precautions we shall be taking, and the reasoning behind the decisions, will be made available on the church website as soon as practicable. After the trial period we shall conduct a full review, including asking for your feedback, and we shall of course keep you informed about future plans.

St.Thomas continues to be open for private prayer between 10am and 4pm every day.

### **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

### **Church Collection Monies:**

Anyone with outstanding envelopes is invited to either deliver them into the safely-locked church letterbox (outside, to the right of the hall doors) or ring either the church office (676194) or our church treasurer Andy Payne (676125) to arrange for collection. Please do not leave envelopes in the church or narthex. All donations are both needed and appreciated.

Maureen Harris

### **Nova Foresta Classical Players presents 'The Classic Experience':**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August, Lyminster 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.

### **Lyminster Parish News - September magazine:**

Copy of original articles for inclusion in the September magazine should reach the Editor by Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August and copy from the regular monthly columnists by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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: [lyminsterchurch.org/aboutus/magazine](http://lyminsterchurch.org/aboutus/magazine) Editor: [nigelmussett@gmail.com](mailto:nigelmussett@gmail.com) (Mobile: 07531 179544)

## Ride and Stride – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

## 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/](http://www.winchester.anglican.org/) and the cathedral website at [www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/](http://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/) for details of the various worship services and daily reflections on offer.

