

Sunday, 5th July 2020 – St.Thomas (Trinity 4)

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 St.Thomas

Almighty and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed your holy apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son till word and sight convinced him:
grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

9.30 Pennington and Lymington joint service

Readings (recorded by members of our congregations)

Gospel: John 20: 24-29

Ephesians 2: 19-22

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

For your prayers this week:

Church: The united Church of North India and Archbishop Prem Chand Singh.

Diocesan life: Chaplaincy: lay and ordained, in prisons, schools, universities, police, hospitals and in our communities; and Anna Chaplains working with older people, and chaplains working with those with disability, and with the deaf and hard of hearing.

Unwell: All who are sick.

Departed: Anne Beeby, Robert Griffith-Jones, Francis Murphy.

Year's Mind: Ben Baker (2016), Steve Laraman (2010).

Zoom Sunday morning coffee from 10.30am:

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 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:

A virtual prayer room has been set up which you can visit and interact with at any time.

It includes a prayer board and prayer activities.

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.

Opening St.Thomas for private prayer and possibility of services:

St.Thomas is now open for private prayer. All the West doors are open wide to facilitate both fresh air circulation and easy passage for visiting pray-ers to enter and exit. Clear floor marking and signage aims to keep everyone safe. Please use sanitizer on entry and exit. In line with government guidelines, the necessary cleaning will occur daily.

NB The toilet facilities and the servery are excluded; drinking water is available from the tap outside the West door. Opening times are 10am to 4pm every day. (This might be extended on some days for the convenience of those who lock/unlock).

Concerning services in the church, we do not feel we have yet had time to consider properly the implications of the new guidelines and we shall keep everyone informed of progress as we work out the best way forward.

Lymington Infant School – Lockdown Reflections

The Infant School are creating a collection of reflections, artwork, poems, or prayers to help remember this time of lockdown, particularly, if possible, linked to one of their school values, Love, Courage and Respect. All pieces of work will help create a School Journal of this time in history so that, in years to come, others will read it and see how the school and church community stayed strong and helped each other through a difficult time. Works can be any size but no bigger than A3 (A4 is ideal), and write your name, 'St.Thomas Church' and if you have linked it to a value, which one. Work should be sent to admin@lymington-inf.hants.sch.uk or placed in a zippy wallet at the front of the school. Attached is a copy of their letter with further information.

Housing Development around Oakhaven Hospice:

The final stage of the Local Plan is being put to a meeting of all New Forest District Councillors on Monday 6th July at 6.30pm, agenda item 7. All councillors are being asked to approve the Local Plan which includes the allocation of SS6 for 'at least' 100 units – more is likely, possibly many more, around Oakhaven Hospice. Pennington and Lymington Lanes Society are asking you to lobby your district councillors before 6.30pm on MONDAY 6th JULY and ask them **not to vote for the adoption of the Local Plan unless SS6 is removed**. The meeting will be broadcast live on YouTube via <https://democracy.newforest.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=193&MId=6959> at 6.30pm on Monday. Public participation is not allowed but if you want to know more you can access a copy of the statement PALLS made to Cabinet on 6th May 2020 at <https://www.pennandlymlanes.com/news-updates>.

Rule of Life Mini Retreats:

Short on-line retreats led by Revd Sally Dakin: Monday 13th July, 2-4.30pm; Friday 17th July, 10am-12.30pm; Wednesday 22nd July, 10am-12.30pm. For more information visit winchester.anglican.org/rule-of-life and to book email ruleoflife@winchester.anglican.org.

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.

Churchyard Maintenance – help needed:

The several areas of our churchyard are maintained by a small number of volunteers who between them keep it as neat and 'eco-friendly' as possible. The team is currently 'two down'! If anyone would be prepared to use either the powered mower and/or our spanking new strimmer, even for a short term, please contact either the office or Maureen Harris 01590 674458.

If machines don't appeal, please consider a 'spot of weeding' around the church entrance door. As visits to our church increase, you will probably agree that the approach area deserves as much care as the dignified space within.

New Forest Basics Bank:

The Basics Bank continues to provide its wonderful support, regularly receiving goods from Fairshare and Harvest Foods, together with a generous donation of tinned meats and Fairy Liquid from Foresters Financial and a supply of sanitary products from Bournemouth School for Girls. Their most needed items are high quality tinned meats, washing up liquid, J cloths and shampoo/conditioner. Please contact the office (01590 676194) if you have goods to donate but are unable to get to the Basics Bank.

The Leprosy Mission:

I have received a few copies of New Day, Summer 2020 edition, and The Leprosy Mission Prayer Diary Update for June-October 2020. At the moment no literature can be left in Church. Therefore if you would like a copy of either, or both, please call me on 01590 677834. Jenny Jones.

Face masks - donations to New Forest Basics Bank:

Across the New Forest, a team of stitchers have been creating thousands of scrubs and bags for our local hospitals. As face masks are now required for public transport, and individuals are choosing to use them elsewhere too, the team are creating a fabulous array of colours and styles of individual face masks for adults and children. There are mask trees set up in Pennington, Lymington and other local towns and villages. You go along to a mask tree, select the mask you would like, and then drop in a donation to the New Forest Basics Bank. If you want to know the location of your local mask tree, please email debs.pope@gmail.com.

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.