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News from St Ann's Preparing to return to Church



Season of Creation - and back into Church

The period from September 1st to October 4th is being kept by many churches across the world as the 'Season of Creation', a time to pray for our relationship with the environment and to set that within the wonder of all that God has made. The idea of this season began with the Orthodox Churches but is now found across many denominations as our concern for the future of the Earth grows.

In St Ann's we are focussing on the Season of Creation in our Zoom services - and we are planning to hold a service for Harvest in church on Sunday 27th September.

This Sunday's Services

9.00 am Holy Communion in Church *conducted by the Revd Sydwell Isaac*
10.45 am Service on Zoom

You can access the Zoom service by following this [link](#). The meeting ID is 992 7720 8912. You can also call in by 'phone. If you would like to do this please contact William - contact details below.

A Collect for Creationtide:

*God, creator of the universe,
fill us with your love for the creation,
for the natural world around us,
for the earth from which we come
and to which we will return.
Awake in us energy to work for your world:
let us never fall into complacency, ignorance,
or being overwhelmed by the task before us.
Help us to restore, remake, renew.
Amen.*



Back to Church

The **PCC** met this week for the first time since March. Some key points for everyone to know:

- We want us to begin to **hold our services in church again** and we are starting to plan how the choir will be able to be involved. (The wider congregation will still not be able to join in any singing and we have to wear face-coverings whilst in church.)
- The new rule about not meeting in social groups of more than six **does not apply to services in church**. This is because we have a regime of 'social distancing' and everyone washes their hands when they enter the building.
- We aim to begin the new pattern on **Sunday September 27th** but we will even start a week earlier on the 20th if we are ready.
- We are aiming to continue holding a **weekly Zoom service** as well - but later in the day.
- On Sunday October 4th we will be holding our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**. Please see information below.



Wanted: Wise members of the flock!

On **Sunday October 4th** we are holding our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**. This is where Churchwardens and other members of the PCC are elected. As everyone can see we need wise heads from our congregation to help steer St Ann's through the coming year.

Churchwardens are elected every year by the parish. In St Ann's we can have up to four. They may serve for just a year or two – but after six years they must stand down and take a break.

The **Parochial Church Council** or **PCC** is the wider elected body. The **Rector** is the chairman and the churchwardens are automatically members. This year we have 3 vacancies for St Ann's representatives on our local Deanery Synod - they are also members of the PCC - and five vacancies for the directly elected members. If you would like further information please do not hesitate to get in touch with Nigel or one of the churchwardens.

Members of the Electoral Roll will soon be sent the agenda for the meeting and will also receive a copy of the official Report for 2019.



Thanks Ottmar!

One of our churchwardens Ottmar Morett has produced a very attractive range of cards which are now on sale in the Church. Each card is cellophane-wrapped and so you can see what you are buying without having to handle them - and payment can now be made using contactless. Proceeds help the church's finances.

Midweek Holy Communion

There are lunchtime celebrations of Holy Communion at 12.15 pm on Tuesday and Thursday.

Join us for Zoom Compline

You are welcome to join in Night Prayer, traditionally called Compline. This lasts around 15 minutes and is taking place from Tuesday to Friday by Zoom at 9.00 pm. If you would like to do this please contact Sydwell (see below).



Church is open

The church is open from 11.00 am - 3.00 pm from Tuesday through to Saturday. We have a regime for hygiene and managing our visitors - we even have a certificate from Visit England to say so. Call in to see us!

Keep in touch

You can contact Nigel on 0161 235 5206 or by email on rector@stannsmanchester.com. Sydwell is on 07404 265463 or at curate@stannsmanchester.com. You can contact Church Manager William on the Church's number 0161 834 0239 (and leave a message) or by email at manager@stannsmanchester.com.

Please pray

We pray for all who are affected by climate change, often the poorer people of the world. However, this week the people of California have been in our minds because of the dreadful fires which have ravaged the State.

We pray for our church life as we navigate the challenges of returning to worship in church. We pray for our choir and musicians and for all of us that our return to church will be managed with everyone's welfare in mind.



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