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News from St Ann's Back to the Future



Season of Creation

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 Canon Nigel Ashworth*
10.45 am Service on Zoom

You can access the Zoom service by following this [link](#). The meeting ID is 968 1485 3026. You can also call in by 'phone. If you would like to do this please contact William - contact details below.

A Collect for Creationtide:

*Maker of heaven and earth,
who shaped the creation
that we might delight in the power of your love
and thrive in the heart of all you have made:
grant us determination and skill
to care for the whole world
and the grace to share its goodness
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*



Next Sunday - Back to Church

We are delighted to announce that the 10.45 am service is returning to 'in-person' worship in our lovely St Ann's next Sunday, September 27th. Music will also be returning to our church with both organ and choir. Everyone is very excited. Very appropriately we will be celebrating Harvest!

As usual, we are holding a collection of non-perishable foodstuffs which will find their way on to support the work of Mustard Tree. You can call into church anytime this week - or the week after - to bring your contributions or simply bring them along to the service. Please note we are unable to accept perishable foodstuffs but toiletries are also really welcome. Please be generous - and then a bit more.

The Zoom service will be discontinued for the morning - but we are looking into a service which can be shared in by Zoom later in the afternoon. Details next week.



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.

Nomination Forms are now available in church or by email from Nigel (see below).

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 be sent the agenda for the meeting this week along with a copy of the official Report for 2019.

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 Sydwel (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. Sydwel 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 a deepening appreciation of the environment and of the challenges facing us all.

We pray for St Ann's as church members think about who might serve as churchwarden or PCC member.



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