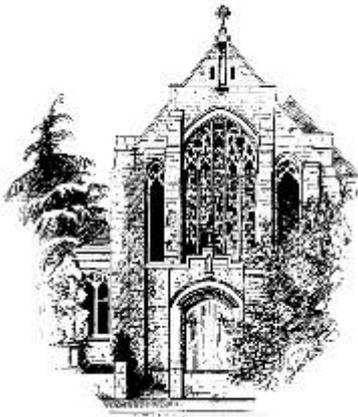


16th July 2020



Dear All

### **Worship at St Michael's this week**

It was very exciting on Wednesday to hold our first service in St Michael's for four months, and to be able to gather as the body of Christ to share our prayers and receive communion together. Adaptations to the service have, of course, been made to keep us safe, but there was a feeling of real joy to be back together again.

As we said last week, it's the beginning of a journey – one which might include being able to livestream our services, as I know St Mary's intend to do – so that those of us who are not yet ready to gather in church – or who are shielding others who are vulnerable – will be able to feel included by watching from their homes. Watch this space for developments.

Meanwhile, we next gather in church this **Sunday morning at 9 am** for a said service using the Book of Common Prayer, when we welcome friends from all three team churches. As I mentioned last week **do please bring with you a slip of paper with your name and the date on it** so we can record attendance as a precaution for test and trace purposes. Also **do please wear a face covering if this feels more comfortable for you**. The important thing is that those who wish to worship in person feel comfortable doing so. Inside St Michael's you will find designated seats (those with a kneeler on top of them) which respect 2m social distancing and where there is already a service booklet which hasn't been handled. 40 people can be accommodated singly and over 50 as couples or family groups. I will explain other details, including how we will administer the (bread only) communion, before the service starts.

**Alongside 9am weekly worship at St Michael's on Wednesdays and St Mary's on Thursdays (both Common Worship) and 9am Sunday worship which will alternate between St Michael's and St Mary's (BCP and CW respectively), we continue our on line offering, as follows:**

**Virtual Team Worship this week**

**Saturday 9am – Morning Prayer** using Iona Community worship via YouTube [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=beaconsfield+ministry+team](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=beaconsfield+ministry+team)

**Sunday 10am – our main service - Sunday Team Worship**, this week led by Margot, with Jeremy preaching and Michael celebrating, via YouTube (as above)

and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/beaconsfieldteamministry/>

**Sunday – Saturday 7pm – Compline/Night Prayer**, via Facebook and YouTube (links as above). If you have yet to dip into this do give it a try. Many members of our three churches, plus clergy of course, take turns to lead this quiet, gentle service, and each brings their own personal touch to what is offered. It is a deep and often creative spiritual offering, and a peaceful and healing way to conclude our day and prepare for the night's rest.

**Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9am – Morning Prayer via Zoom.** Join the clergy and others who come together to read the scripture of the day and say the prayers of the church. The ID is 896 7420 8565 and the password Prayer.

**And talking of prayer...** It would be good to include in our newsletters the names of those in the St Michael's community who would welcome our prayers. If you suggest anyone other than yourself please first check that they are happy to be named in this way and submit to Zoe in the Parish Office [churchoffice@stmichaelsbeaconsfield.org.uk](mailto:churchoffice@stmichaelsbeaconsfield.org.uk). For this week, may I ask for our prayers for David and Helen Baker.

all blessings,  
Sharon