



St Stephen  
with St Julian

## NOTICES 22 March 2020

### **Current procedures at St Stephen's and St Julian's during the Coronavirus / Corvid 19 outbreak:**

All public worship at St Stephen's and St Julian's have ceased for the time being.

St Stephen's remains open for quiet prayer and reflection and clergy will be saying prayers during the day.

Services will also be uploaded to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ststephenandstjulian> and also on our website through the Services link on the front page. [www.ststephenandstjulian.org](http://www.ststephenandstjulian.org)

We will be livestreaming the 10.00am service for Mothering Sunday. Becky will send an email to explain how to access it.

We are also in the process of setting up virtual prayer and bible study groups, accessing children's resources and a virtual Sunday Explorer group. However, please be patient while these various initiatives are established.

There is the service booklet "Worship at Home" which is either available through the Church of England website <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources> or if you are unable to access the internet a copy can be printed and posted to you. There will also be some copies available in church if you are able to pop by.

Please get in touch if there is anything practical that you may need help with such as shopping. Ring Becky 01727 862598 or email [vicar@ststephenandstjulian.org](mailto:vicar@ststephenandstjulian.org) or [office@ststephenandstjulian.org](mailto:office@ststephenandstjulian.org)

**Mothering Sunday:** *A message from The Archbishops of Canterbury and York.* We have called, along with our fellow church leaders, *for a day of prayer and action* this coming Sunday. Mothering Sunday has always been both a day of celebration for many and a sensitive and emotional day for some. Wherever you are this Sunday, please do join in this day of prayer and action and remember especially those who are sick or anxious, and all involved in our Health Service. As one action, we are calling on everyone to *place a lighted candle in their window at 7.00pm* as a sign of solidarity and hope in the light of Christ that can never be extinguished.

**FEED through The Vineyard Church:** A message from the Pastor Care Manager at FEED. "Thank you all for your continued support of FEED. We truly could not do what we do without you all. We are continuing to support our community in the best way we can, although this will look very different in the coming weeks. I know some of you will not be meeting as churches and many businesses will be working from home.

Therefore, instead of giving by donating food (which you can still do if you so wish) you can also give financially through our FEED fund, we will then buy the much-needed supplies!

<https://www.thevineyardchurch.co.uk/feedfund>

**#LiveLent booklets:** These are now available in both churches – a donation towards their cost would be appreciated. The adult booklets cost £1.99 each and the family booklets £1.50 as a guide. There are also daily reflections available to download on computer or via a mobile phone from

<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/live-lent>

There are also copies of the "Saying Yes to Life" book by Ruth Valerio at the discounted price of £7.99 available from Rachel Johnston (01727 842822).

**# LiveLent Reflections on Radio Verulam:** Listen every day on Good Morning St Albans 6.00am – 9.00am and St Albans Drive 4.00pm – 7.00pm. Each reflection will be available to listen as a podcast on [www.radioverulam.com/lent](http://www.radioverulam.com/lent) and via your usual podcast provider.

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More details on the themes and speakers are available on the fliers available in each church.

**APCM Reports:** I am still intending to produce this document so that we have copies of all the reports for the previous year. Please can you continue to produce and forward them to me so that the necessary preparation can take place although we do not have a date for the actual meeting at this time.

**Electoral Roll:** Each year, the Electoral Roll has to be revised prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which, this year is on Sunday 26 April (though this is likely to change). A list of names of those currently on the Roll is on the notice board. Please check that your name is there. If it isn't but you would like to be on the Roll, please complete a form and post it to the Vicarage, 14 Watling Street, St Albans, AL1 2PX. The last date for the return of these forms is **SUNDAY 5 APRIL 2020**. Only people on the Roll on this date are entitled to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. If you wish to check that your name, address, telephone number(s) and email address are correct, please ask Becky to show you the full Roll. Please notify me (01727 822206 or email [dmscott@waitrose.com](mailto:dmscott@waitrose.com)) if there are any omissions. Thank you. D M Scott (Electoral Roll Officer).

**APCM:** This will most likely be rescheduled to another date later in the year.

**Parish Retreat:** Friday 1 – Monday 3 May 2020, Launde Abbey, Leicestershire. We are not sure if this is going ahead at the moment but we will keep in touch about this.

**St Stephen's with St Julian's Garden Walkabout (Open Gardens):** Saturday 6 June and Sunday 7 June. Thank you to the people who have volunteered to open their garden for this weekend. We still need a several more! Any size, style, haven of tranquillity will be suitable. Refreshments can be provided or not. You can also choose whether to open on one or both days. Opening times will be from 2.00 – 6.00pm. Please let Alison Pether ([office@ststephenandstjulian.org](mailto:office@ststephenandstjulian.org)) or Becky know if you would like to be involved.

**Community Café:** Although the Café is closed at the moment due to “social distancing”, we are still looking for some new volunteers.

This very important part of our outreach which has been happening for over 7 years is in need of some new volunteers either to serve in the café or bake cakes who we would welcome to join us when we reopen. We have recently lost a few supporters through varying circumstances and our numbers are somewhat depleted. Are you able to join in to be part of this successful venture? The more people that we have in our “volunteer pool” means that it is not such a frequent call on your time. If you are able to help or would like more information, please contact Karen Pett via email: [karenpettuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:karenpettuk@yahoo.co.uk)

**Alban Life magazine:** Copies of this magazine published by the Diocese are available in each church.