

A WORD FROM THE VICAR

The Vicar writes...

Are you feeling dislocated or disturbed as we learn to live in the uncertainty caused by Covid? For some of us we are questioning things around us and that is natural. Yet there remains a stability and certainty in our Lord Jesus;

'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever...,' (Heb. 13 vs.8)

However we may be finding it hard to translate that certainty into ordinary life because there is no such thing as that 'ordinary' now.

What will the shape be of things to come, no-one knows except the Lord himself?

How then might we begin to discern our way to move together as church? What will help us discern God's voice and His way?

Of course, we need to continue to focus on Jesus and draw close to Him, seeking to hear his voice, as we have been learning to do through our study of the Lord's Prayer and the 'Prayer course'. What might that look like moving forward together?

We have felt led to consider the early church in 'The Acts of the Apostles' this term. This group of the first disciples were learning, on the go, what it meant to be God's people together, in a completely new way, because of Jesus. Hence studying Acts can help us to hear God's voice and continue to grow together into God's way for us in these changing circumstances. We will therefore be studying parts of Acts in our sermons and the life groups.

One of the things we want to encourage further is seeking to meet in small groups, Life groups, and offering ways of doing this socially distanced as well as online. We recognize there is something very special about being physically in each other's company.

Therefore, can I encourage any who are not at present linked to a life group to consider joining a group, even if you do not feel ready to gather in one place with others. Look at the Bulletin or contact Viv or Janine about how you might do this.

Peter and the team

Sunday Worship

Choice of Services

Sundays:

9:00am More traditional service with organ and service books

10:30am Contemporary worship. Music group and children's Church

Wednesdays:

11:00am Oasis A reflective 30 minutes with Jesus midweek

SERMON SERIES

The Acts.. of the Holy Spirit'

September

13th Acts 2:36-41

Acts Introduction....and The Spirit comes to...**Bring people to Jesus..**

20th Acts 2:42-47 (4: 32-7)

The Spirit comes to....**Create Jesus' Kingdom community**

27th Acts 3:1-10

The Spirit comes to....**Heal and Transform life**

October

4th Acts 4:21-31

The Spirit comes to....**Give the disciples Boldness**

11th Acts 8:4-24 (5:1-11)

The Spirit comes to....**Judge Deception**

18th Acts 7:51, 8:3 (6:8, 7:50)

The Spirit comes to...**Inspire complete commitment**

25th Acts 8:25-40

The Spirit comes to....**Guide a disciple**

November

1st Acts 9:1-22

The Spirit comes to....**Save even enemies**

8th Remembrance Sunday

15th Acts 9:32-42

The Spirit comes to....**Demonstrate Jesus brings new life**

22nd Acts 10:1-29 (11:1-18)

The Spirit comes to....**Break down divisions**

29th Acts 11:19-30

The Spirit comes to....**Encourage and grow the Church**

December

5th Acts 12:1-17

The Spirit comes to....**Overcome Fear**

13th Acts 13:1-12

The Spirit comes to....**Send disciples out in Mission**

20th Psalm 89:1-4 TBC

25th Psalm 96 TBC

Welcome to St Philip's

The people of St Philip's work hard to provide a warm and friendly atmosphere in order to help people find their place in this Christian community. The welcome extends to every age group. After morning worship, refreshments are provided to give everyone an opportunity to meet and catch up. Please ask if you are interested in any aspect of church life, or visit our website: www.saintphilips.co.uk

Covid 19

Sadly all our usual activities and clubs for adults and children are currently suspended due to Covid 19. Whilst it is understood that for many these activities and clubs provide a vital lifeline, why not.....

 **Join us for our live streamed Services**

live.saintphilips.co.uk or saintphilips.co.uk)

LIVESTREAMS throughout the week can be found on our [Facebook page](#).

Tuesday and Thursdays: 9:15 am

**Sunday: 9:00 am prayers and
10:30 am (Full live-streamed service)**

MESSY CLUB each Wednesdays will be live@5.
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Who's Who?

Vicar

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***A new leadership team is being appointed
to oversee ministries - Pray for them***

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Lizzie Smith 332749
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REACHING WIDER...with the compassion of Jesus;

REACHING DEEPER... into the heart of God

Ephesians 3:14-21

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Into the heart of God

All Involved

Becoming Disciples

Creating Community

Doing Evangelism

Encountering God

Fearless Generosity