

## Limited Re-Opening Of Churches

PCC will be considering on Monday the issues around opening the church for :

- Private Prayer
- Funerals and weddings
- Services of worship.

**Worship services must be conducted** without singing and with strict social distancing in place. This would appear to rule out communion services as the 1m rule could not be maintained.

**What is wrong with singing?** Apparently, when you breathe you expel 50 droplets per minute. When you sing the number of droplets you expel can rise to 5,000 droplets. Droplets allow CV19 to be carried from one person to another —and that is why singing is dangerous.

**Next week, we will let you know what decisions were reached and** how we plan to go about ensuring that everyone is safe inside the building.



## Your Envelope Giving

**Some of those who give by envelope** have switched to direct debit because of the challenges of CV19. Others tell me they have a little pile of envelopes building up and would like to know what they can do with them. Firstly, thank you for saving them up! If you would like to get your giving to James, please have a word with him and he will see what can be done. Tel: 700516



## Qatar No 27 World Cup Hosts 2022

**There are only 367,000 Christians in Qatar**, most of whom are migrant workers helping the country to prepare for the World Cup.

**The state religion** is a conservative form of Islam. Qatari citizens are by definition Muslims; leaving Islam is illegal. (see last Wednesday's sermon)

**Christians experience persecution at all levels of society:** the government, the local community and even family can be dangerous for Christians, especially for converts from Islam to Christianity.

**Sharing the gospel with Muslims** is strictly forbidden and is severely punished.



## Lynda Gough—Thank You From Us All

**St John's was built in 1981.** But Lynda was involved in Pram Club even before that!

**How is that possible?** She was worshipping in the former St John's which was a pre-fab near Emmanuel church, set up by St Mary's to help get a new church off the ground in Haydon Wick. All in all—that is over 40 years of service!

**Back in the late seventies, Lynda was not the leader.**

When she started, she was one of the helpers, doing whatever work was needed. In those days, *Pram Club* took place both in the morning and in the afternoon, with the groups coming together from time to time for a shared service and a shared lunch.

**What else has changed?** Back in the 1980s, members were almost all mums. Today, mums tend to go back to work after maternity leave, so the current members are mums, childminders, carers, grandparents, foster parents— and some dads!

Pram Club has met people's need for friendship. "Mums who have recently had a baby and who are no longer going out to work, or those who have recently moved to Swindon with a baby or toddler can be quite lonely. We do not make any charge to people who come to Pram Club for the first time, just so they see if they like it. As a result, people have made lifelong friendships through Pram Club."

**The charge is only £1 per session.** But such are the numbers who come that the bank account is in good shape, with high quality toys for the children to play with.

**Lynda is keen to stress** that this is a team effort. The whole team is needed to help with craft, telling stories, singing, making teas and coffees and above all listening to those who come. However, we also know the importance to every group of its leader. Lynda has provided a strong spiritual focus and a pastoral heart.

**Over the years the team has become increasingly confident** and independent. Raymond used to come in and lead the services every Christmas, Easter and Harvest. But for a number of years the Pram Club team has written an interactive child-friendly script which gets members involved in telling the story. That way parents and children learn and worship together.

**What a great note on which to hand over to Lesley Mead.** Lesley needs no introduction to those watching on a Sunday! Lynda has left Pram Club in great shape, and in good hands, numerically strong and with an exciting future.



**A well-deserved bouquet for Lynda**

**Prayers: Pray for our PCC** as we decide the future pattern of services now that limited services of worship are permitted. We also want to hear what is being said through **Black Lives Matter**, guided by Revd Cathy from Gorse Hill.

**Give thanks for Lynda Gough** and her forty years of service at Pram Club, guiding the various teams through so many changes over that period.

**June Titcombe** is due to have her hip operation on Friday (26th). We continue to remember **Kath Ridley and Jean Sharp** in their bereavement and to keep **Ian Bridge** in our prayers. **June Titcombe** is due to have her hip operation on Friday (26th). **Ivor Rumble** is in hospital with chest pains. Pray that the stents he has had will be successful and that he will be free from both pain and anxiety.



Sunday

28th June

Trinity 3

Please pray for our church family	
Mon	Lynda Gough
Tue	Jane Gould
Wed	Richard and Pauline Gray James and Daniel
Thurs	Angela Gunston
Fri	Peter and Caroline Haines and Talia
Sat	Josh Haines
Sun	Andy and Carol Hall

**Congratulations to Josh Haines** who turned 18 on Wednesday!!

**Unthinkable A Year Ago**  
Members of the Bristol Uganda Link will be meeting on Thursday for Prayer on Zoom along with Christians from Luweero and Kampla. Our first ever joint prayer meeting!  
I am hoping that **Revd Godfrey Kasana** will be able to preach for us in the not too distant future.



**Jesus is the Centre**

Services Next Week			
Wednesday July 1	8.30 am	<i>A Final Look at that Coin.</i>	Raymond Adams
Sunday July 5	11am	<b>The Archdeacon of Malmesbury</b>	Christopher Bryan

Time	Service	Preacher	Readings
11.00am With Zoffee at noon.	<i>Morning Worship online</i>	Simon Robertson	Philippians 3:7-14  John 15:1-7