

## What Will Church Look Like on Sunday?

**We plan to hold a Holy Communion service at 9am.** When you arrive you will find that some of the rows of chairs have been moved out. Cards will indicate where you may sit, though households may move them to sit together. Because the seating is between 1m and 2m apart it will be necessary for everyone to wear a mask. These are available in church. A one-way system will also be in place, so we will leave via the lounge.

**There will, as you know, be no singing,** but there will be recorded music.

**When it comes to communion, we will not be able to use bread.** The guidance is that we use wafers.

**Only the president is permitted to drink wine.** Sadly, we will not drink together from a common cup for some time to come.

**Raymond will say the prayers of consecration** over the bread which will be covered with a cloth until the time of distribution. The wafer will need to be dropped into the hand of each communicant so there is no physical contact. Each person is encouraged to sanitise their hands before receiving communion.

**We will not kneel down at the rail.** It is better not to touch it. Communion will therefore be received while standing. We will need to ask you to stretch out your hand to receive the wafer. Raymond will do the same.

**No words can be spoken.** So Raymond will not say, "The body of Christ keep you in eternal life" to each person. We will say that at the beginning of communion.

**You may pick up a Bible and a booklet on the way in,** and return them to a box in the lounge as you leave. They will be placed in storage for a week. We will not be able to share the Peace.



**Experiences in Germany and the USA** have shown that church services need to be handled with care. However we are confident that if these measures are observed then we can conduct communion services safely .

**We will continue with our online communion services** at 11am on the thirds Sunday of the month during the lockdown. What makes communion valid is the faith of the recipient. The Holy Spirit is not limited by technology or distance and will bring all the spiritual benefits of the service to us, whether we are in church or at home.



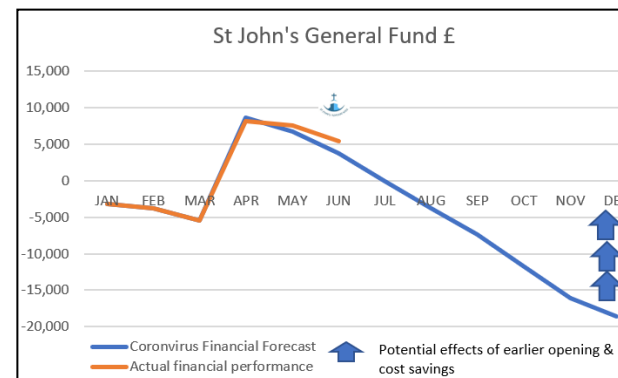
## How are Our Finances Holding Up in the Lockdown?

**James writes: Every accountant loves a graph.** In the one below, our little St John's icon shows the net surplus on St John's General Fund that we had planned for at the end of June. The **red line** shows where we are now. This reflects cash offerings not received and lost income from tenants – a total impact of £4,500!

**From June onwards,** the **blue line** shows how PCC thought the year would unfold if restrictions continued. A big erosion of our funds! Happily, the red line shows that we're tracking ahead of this and we're manging things carefully and people's giving has been generous.

**Things could improve in the Autumn if we start using the building.** The three big arrows show the effect of things like cash/envelope offerings coming back or even our tenants returning. Although this would improve things, we will be unable to break even. Even in the best-case improvement we will still draw on our reserves this year to meet our obligations. What happens in the New Year is also key. We cannot continue on a downward trend indefinitely. What can you do?

- **Pray** – that restrictions can soon be safely lifted, and we can meet again and welcome others to use our building;
- **Give thanks** – Though we are likely to suffer significant financial loss, we have maintained reserves to cope with these difficult times. Our finances are being carefully managed by PCC to ensure that financial losses are limited wherever possible;
- **Consider how you can help.** We recognise how tough things are for many households. If you can continue giving as you so generously have, standing orders can be a great way of helping St John's cash flow and James can help you with this. If this is not possible we fully understand; your continued prayers, practical help and Christian love are the greatest contributions of all.



### In a Nutshell.

**Our financial position is a great deal worse than we were expecting at the end of last year.**

**But we are doing rather better than we feared back in March.**

**Prayers:** **Ali Wiltshire** damaged her shoulder badly in a fall several weeks ago and has been in constant pain since. She has an operation on Friday 10th July. Pray that she will make a full recovery and live a pain free life. **Ian Bridge** is not doing too well at the moment. Since coming out of hospital he has had another abscess removed. He has no appetite and has lost over 2 stone in weight. Pray also for his wife, **Jean**, who is very anxious about the whole situation. **Joan Titcombe** has had her long awaited hip operation and is recovering.



**Sunday**  
**12th Month**  
**5th after Trinity**

**MOROCCO World Watch ranking: 26**

**Christians make up a tiny percentage of the population in Morocco** - less than 0.1 per cent. Even this small number chiefly comprises expatriate believers.

**It's illegal in Morocco to 'shake the faith of a Muslim'.** Christians who speak to others about their faith are at risk of arrest for being "disloyal to the state.". There has been a rise in attacks by Islamic militants, targeting people who advocate for the rights of Christians.



Please pray for our church family		<p><b><u>Special Message</u></b></p> <p>Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers on my retirement from Pram Club. I'd also like to thank all who have helped at Pram Club and for all the prayer support over the years. <i>Lynda Gough</i></p>
Mon	Peter and Pam Howlett	
Tue	Bill and Deana Hunt	
Wed	Decima and Stan Iles	
Thurs	Julie Jarman	
Fri	Simon Kan and Yu Ling	
Sat	Dilys Kimber	
Sun	The King Family	



**Rock and Roar!**  
 (Daniel in a Tight Spot)

Services Next Week			
Wed 15th July	8.30 am	Jesus in his Jewish World	Raymond Adams
	11am	Perseverance— a Lockdown essential	Raymond Adams

Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9.00am In church	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams	Daniel 6: 6-9 Daniel 6: 13 -2
11.00am online	All Age Service	Lesley Mead (with Abigail Vandamme)	Daniel 6: 6-9 Daniel 6: 13 -23