

The APCM—We Need to Know if You Plan to Attend

Our APCM has been delayed by Covid19. We intended to hold it six months ago.

This is the meeting where we choose our PCC members, wardens and (this year) Deanery Synod Reps. It is going to be shorter than usual.

We would like to hold this meeting in church. It might be possible to do something on Zoom as well. Before we prepare to go down that route we would just like to know how many people plan to come. **The date will be Monday October 19th at 7.30 pm.** Could you please let Sam know if you are planning to come to the live APCM or if you would prefer to watch on Zoom.

Sam's mail address is samopoka@yahoo.com



Harvest Worship in the Pandemic—Sunday October 11



Plans are well advanced to run an **Online Harvest** to which we are inviting children from our local schools. Full assemblies cannot be held in schools during the pandemic. Publicity will be going out to children and parents in four schools inviting parents and children to our **Online All Age Harvest**

Worship. A big thank you to **Lesley Mead** for the ideas and to **Mike Crosby** for the technology and for helping to make sure everyone knows about it.

Myanmar: No 19

There is an increasing emphasis on **Buddhism in Myanmar**, to the exclusion of all other faiths. The persecution of Rohingya Muslims has been widely publicised, but less attention has been given to the continuing war affecting Kachin, Shan and Karen States, where the population is predominantly Christian.

More than 100,000 Christians have been forced to flee their homes because of intense fighting. They are still living in camps where they are denied access to food and healthcare.

Churches are monitored; worship is often interrupted by local people. Land grabbing from Christians is common.



Bringing Back the 11am Service

PCC decided that it was time to bring back the 11:00 am service following the pattern that has been established at the over the last few weeks. Attendance at our 9am service has risen by 33%

We will have to do some serious thinking before we restart. It would be possible to fit *all the members* of the 9am service into the church, balcony and church room with sufficient space for social distancing. That could not apply at 11am. It means that we will have to follow the example of other churches by organising a booking-in system.

Singing will not be permitted and our musicians will not be able to play live. They are only able to rehearse in church on a Wednesday evening, because they can maintain the requisite distance between themselves.

The **worship sub-team**, in addition to thinking about booking in and music will need to consider such issues as:

- What we can do for children
- Cleaning between the services
- Prayer ministry at both services
- The coming of winter and ventilation.



Harvest Gifts—It is Different This Year

The **Swindon Food Collective** is very effectively partnering with supermarkets in the town to ensure a steady supply for those in need. As a result food is not a pressing requirement this year at Harvest, though gifts of food will be gladly received. The need for food will not go away. We sent an email last week detailing the non-food items they would like to receive this year.

The church is open on **Wednesdays from 12noon to 1.30p.m.** and on **Sundays from 8.30am to 10.30 pm.** If you arrive during the church service, perhaps you could leave your gifts in the Quiet Room



Prayers: **Dan Mead** has just got engaged to **Emily**. We send them and our warmest congratulations and will keep them in our prayer as they plan their wedding. It is not the easiest time to get married.

Pray for students as they go to university or restart their courses after a long gap. We think of **Rachel Crosby, Josh Haines and Lucy Robertson**. Again it is not the easiest time to be at university.

Life for clergy in Uganda is very tough right now. Their salary comes directly from money given by congregation members and churches have ben closed since March. Those in the poorest areas or urban areas are under pressure.



Sunday
September 27
Trinity 16

Godfrey Kasana described himself as “speechless” having just received a total of £850 from various sources. It came from contributions from our 7th share, a gift of £50 from All Saints Lydiard Millicent, a gift of £150 from St Michael in Highworth and generous donations from members of the congregation. Godfrey is now safer on the roads.



Please pray for our church family	
Mon	David and Viv Williams
Tue	Lola Wilson
Wed	Ali Wiltshire
Thurs	Kath Zammit
Fri	Raymond and Alison Adams
Sat	Ruby Allen
Sun	Eileen Arkley

From The Carters

Donald & I wish to thank everyone for their prayers & thoughts for my eye problem. I'm sure they have helped me accept it. My eyesight is fine at the moment but I know it will deteriorate in the not too distant future. Thank you again. Kind regards.



Arrested in the Temple

Services Next Week			
3rd October 2020	9am 11am	A Plot Discovered	Raymond Adams Raymond Adams

Time	Service	Preacher	Readings
9.00 am	Holy Communion in church	Raymond Adams	Acts 21: 17-26 Acts 21: 27-36
11 AM	Morning Worship Online	Raymond Adams	Acts 21: 17-26 Acts 21: 27-36