

Dear Friends,

We're looking forward to 'seeing' you again for worship tomorrow, live at 10.30am on https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2oameSsM0zLcT_HMm-OfDA/ <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2oameSsM0zLcT_HMm-OfDA/videos>, though the broadcast will begin a few minutes beforehand so you can log on and say hello through the comments, if you'd like to.

There is still no official guidance (as I write!) for *re-opening for public worship*, even though we are allowed to do so from 5th July. It is therefore very hard to say what we are going to do, and when! Numbers at any given service are likely to be very limited, so please bear with us as we work out the best approach. It is unlikely that we will begin regular Sunday worship straight away. Once we do, it will not be 'regular' for very many of us, if only a few are permitted to worship together at a time. St James continues to be open for personal prayer 2-4pm on Tuesdays and 10am - 12 noon on Saturdays, and weekly worship over Youtube will continue.

There is a new 'Worship at Home' booklet *to take us through July and August, you can find it here http://www.stjamesyeovil.org.uk/?page_id=1945 - click on the orange 'Download' button. This is being taken round to over 40 homes in the parish, please do let us know if you know someone who would appreciate one. We're also posting round a Newsletter so that people who aren't on Youtube or Facebook can get a flavour of church life during the lockdown. It's a bit big to email round but is already on our Facebook pages and will be on both church websites next week.

*St Peters Gift Day *is tomorrow, Sunday 28th, when we celebrate St Peters 'Patronal Festival' (i.e. festival of the patron saint). If you need a reminder of what the Gift day is for, have a look at this video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxAE4_diMUs&t=3s. St Peters church building will be open from 2-3pm if you want to give in person, or to bring envelopes, lent boxes etc that you've been setting aside at home. Thankyou to those who have already given. St James will have a Gift Day on 26th July, a chance to express our thankfulness for the church God has blessed us with. We'd love to celebrate this in creative ways despite the lockdown, so please do get in touch with any ideas!

Please pray for Ruth as she leads a virtual Year 6 Leavers Service for students from Preston Primary this week. Please also pray for John Hanson and Caryl Eaton as they complete their Reader training for the year (Caryl will be licensed in October), and for Mark McKnight and

Coelette Parkes as they prepare to start training in the autumn, following selection for ordination earlier this year. Congratulations to them both, please pray for God's hand on them and their families in this exciting new step in ministry.

If you need a smile, watch this compilation of coronavirus church signs <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oD9sTPyAd5k> !!

"I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18)

yours in Christ

David and Ruth

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