

Welcome to our Twenty-first 'Together News'.

I received a long-awaited hospital appointment this week, planted two rows of carrots, was introduced to vegan sausage rolls, had oat milk on my porridge and worked out how to make clerical shirts out of shirts with collars (I'll be wearing trial shirt on Sunday!). There's been a lot of changes for me this week!

Since lock down, the pattern of our lives has changed from what we used to call 'normal' and many have established new routines which have remained the same for so long now. Now that lockdown is being 'eased', we are able to re-introduce those things we have not been able to do and one of those things is gathering together for Worship – and, with many of you, I have really missed that. However, as with everything else, our gathering will be limited due to mandatory restrictions.

We will have to book either online or by phone if we are coming to Worship at All Saints, Christ Church or St Michael's. We will not be able to sing, although hymns and music will be played during each service. Social distancing will mean that there must be a 2m gap between individuals (those from the same household can sit together). Masks must be worn (unless you are unable to wear one due to medical reasons). No refreshments and no loos!

But we will Worship God as we listen to others singing, hear his Word read, offer our prayers and thanksgiving, confess our sins, listen to a reflection on the reading, declare our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed and take up an offering towards the mission of Jesus in the parish and wider world – and I for one, can't wait!

It will of course feel very strange but in our Worship we celebrate that we are not strangers either to God or to one another. We will be forced to sit far apart from each other, but in our Worship we express a closeness with each other as sisters and brothers in Christ which keeps faith alive and hope strong. Although we cannot sing, in our hearts we will echo the words we hear sung and rejoice. So, whilst I have experienced a number of new things this week (and enjoyed them all), Worshipping together with the most wonderful people who form our Worshipping community across the Benefice will be nothing other than an absolute delight!

There will of course be those who cannot Worship with us, who for a variety of reasons are still 'locked' into a patten of living that demands that they avoid any risk of infection. If this is you, then please know that we hold you dearly and pray for the Lord's peace in your heart and home in these worrying times. Not being physically with us does not mean that you are not spiritually part of us.

So, as we look forward to Sunday, let's pray for the renewing work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and Worshipping communities. I remind you of what the Apostle Paul writes in 2 Timothy 1 v7 that 'the Holy Spirit, God's gift, does not want you to be afraid, but to be wise and strong, and to love them and enjoy being with them.' So I pray for 'HOLY SPIRIT ENJOYMENT IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD' as we reflect on Psalm 122 in which David sings "I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord".

During August, we will be following a liturgy I have prepared and entitled "Welcome Home – A Liturgy for Gathering'. Please keep your order of service and take it home with you, remembering to bring it back the next time you come.

I look forward to seeing you 'at the gates of Jerusalem' as we gather to Worship the 'One True living God'

What a week it is going to be!

David, Ann and Clarrie

Online booking

Book via our website www.newforestparishes.com or on the phone for those without internet access - Kate, 07776 221663. Kate is responsible for taking bookings and would prefer those who are booking to go direct to our Parish website please, rather than call, as there are details requested to help us comply with the NHS Test and Trace.

In line with government guidance we are assisting the NHS with the Test and Trace service, by keeping an accurate temporary record of visitors to our Churches for 21 days (from the day of attending). Your data will only be shared if requested by the NHS Test and Trace Service to help support the investigation of local outbreaks. If for any reason you are unable to attend a pre-booked Service, you will be removed from the list. This is not compulsory but recommended as it really helps the NHS in the event of a case. You are invited to 'opt in/out' online.

We are taking measures in Church to ensure your safety;

- Hand sanitiser will be provided at the entrance and exit for everyone.
- Each household will be sat together and you will be shown to your seat.
- You will be socially distanced from others.
- **From this Saturday, 8th August, wearing masks in Church is now mandatory unless you have a medical condition which prevents you wearing one or you are under the age of 11. Public Health England do not recommend face coverings for children under the age of 3, for health and safety reasons.** A limited amount of reusable masks are available, for a donation, in St Michael's.

How to book online in 3 simple steps

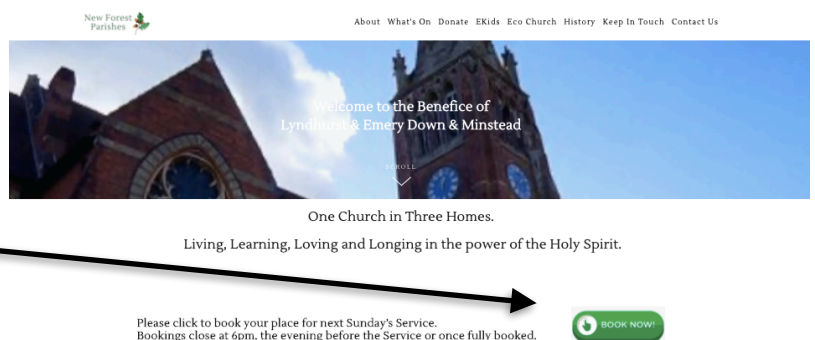
We have made booking as simple as possible and it won't take you longer than a few minutes. Booking will close at 6pm, the evening before the Service or once fully booked (if before).

We want to ensure that everyone gets to attend a Sunday Service so if you attend one week, preference when booking will be given to anyone who has been unable to get a place, for the following week.

Step 1

Go to www.newforestparishes.com

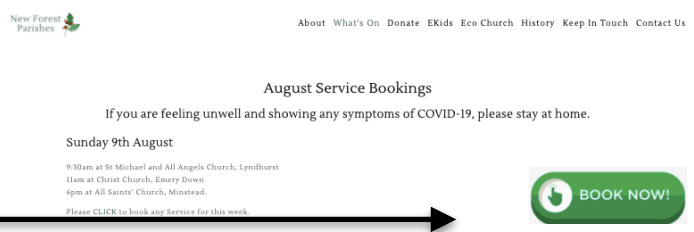
Click **BOOK NOW** from the homepage



Step 2

Click **BOOK NOW** for the date you're booking for.

Any additional events will be added here in due course.



Step 3

Please fill in the form carefully and click SUBMIT. You will receive an automatic email confirmation so you know we have received your booking.



Service Bookings, 9th August 2020.

You are currently booking spaces for a Sunday Service on the 9th August. Please use the form to select your parish Church. This form is to be completed for those attending from YOUR HOUSEHOLD. If you are booking on behalf of someone, please click here and fill in the form for them.

If you are feeling unwell and showing any symptoms of COVID-19, please stay at home.

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If you have any questions about this booking, please call Kate on 07776 221663.

Which Sunday service are you booking for? *

Please select ONE Service for the 9th August 2020.

- 9:30am, 9th August 2020 at St Michael's, Lyndhurst
- 11am, 9th August 2020 at Christ Church, Emery Down
- 6pm, 9th August 2020 at All Saints' Church, Minstead

How many people are you booking for? *

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

Name and primary contact for your booking *

Keeping Faith Alive and Hope Strong

Parish Church Opening Times for Private Prayer

St Michael's, Lyndhurst	Wednesday	8am – 10am
Christ Church, Emery Down	Wednesday	3pm – 6pm

This Week's Services

All **LIVE** services are accessed via **Facebook**. From Sunday, we will be Streaming the 9:30am Sunday Worship from St Michael and All Angels weekly, so if you're not able to get a space one week or you're unable to attend, you can still 'join' us.

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/benefice.newforest/>

Website - <https://www.newforestparishes.com/Worship>

YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOOjetLI_-NZ7M3Kpy1tH8w/featured?view_as=subscriber

Saturday 8th August	<u>9:30am - 10:30am</u>	'Streams' - Join us for worship, moments of silence and opportunity to find a quiet place to reflect.	David and Peggy Heron's home, Whinwood, Beaulieu Road, Lyndhurst
Sunday 9th August	<u>9:30am</u>	Sunday Worship ONLINE	LIVESTREAM via Facebook
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Thursday (Every week)	<u>9.30am</u>	<u>STILL Online Prayer Meeting</u>	https://www.zoom.us/join ID: 774 5029 4172 PW: still
Thursday	<u>8.30pm</u>	Relax and Reflect Music from Taiže	LIVESTREAM via Facebook

SPOTLIGHT

ON Marian & Dom Young



What do you/have you done over the years at All Saints? - A rather crazy mixture of tasks and duties too confusing to mention. Basically, as a need arose, we tried to satisfy it – from Church Warden, Musical Director and Churchyard Carer to emptying the toilet.

What made you want to help? - We did not particularly choose to help, it just seemed to happen.

What do you enjoy most about it? - It is great to be part of a vibrant Christian community, particularly in difficult times.

What do you do when you're not helping out at church? - We have been involved in Community organisations such as Junior Minstead, Minstead Players, Minstead Hall, Rufus 2000 and Lyndhurst Proboscis Club.

Is there anything you have enjoyed during Lockdown? - Dom had heart surgery early on and we have concentrated on his rehab.

What one thing would you like to see happen, in light of the changes from Lockdown? - The establishment of the Church community helping All Saints to flourish again supporting the lonely, lost and confused, particularly the learning disabled.

Your Opportunities to Serve

Thank you to any of those who have contacted us over the last 2 weeks. There are many opportunities to support the Benefice and we are currently looking for volunteers to support;

- **Readings for Sundays**, reading Lessons and Intersessions for Sunday Services.
- **Opening of our Churches**, for Private Prayer and supporting Services once they open.

Please contact Kate Donohoe if you're able to help communications@newforestparishes.com

Your Gifts are Keeping Faith Alive and Hope Strong in the Benefice and beyond!

Weekly Offering - If you are not giving regularly it would be a great help to the PCC if you were able to do so. Please speak to your PCC Treasurer or David. If you have access to the internet, you can also donate to your Parish Church via our website www.newforestparishes.com click on 'Donate'. There will also be an opportunity to donate at your Sunday Service.

Easy Fundraising - Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk and register to donate without costing you anything! Simply find your 'cause', searching by name and then carry on with your shop.

Text to Donate - **St Michael's** - text the words **STMICHAELS to 70085 for a one off donation of £5.00.** **All Saint's** - text the words **AllSaints to the number 70085 for a one-off donation of £5.00.** If you wish to donate more or less than £5 to either, substitute 5 with any amount between 1

and 20. **Christ Church** - text the words **XChurch 3** to the number **70085** for an instant **donation of £3.00** and a monthly, reoccurring payment will be made of £3 to Christ Church. If you wish to donate more or less than £3, substitute 3 with any amount between 1 and 20. You can cancel the reoccurring payments at any time.

NEW Parish Giving Scheme Telephone Service

Available weekdays from 9am to 5pm. Calls will take less than 15 minutes and you will receive written confirmation afterwards to confirm the details. At anytime you can call the service to make amendments to your direct debit. Call: 0333 002 1271

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals are now permitted in our parish Churches but with restrictions. Suzanne has been in regular contact with wedding couples, most of whom have rescheduled their ceremonies for either later this year or into 2021.

SAY IT - PRAY IT!!

If you are concerned, anxious or troubled in anyway, you can text your Prayer to our 'Say it Pray it' number and we will pray for you immediately. No conversation or call back, just a simple text for you to share matters for Prayer! Why not give it a go this week?

WANTED: PRAY-ERS.

We need a team of 'pray-ers' across the Benefice who will carry the Prayer phone for a week (Sunday – Sat). Their (your) ministry will be to simply 'pray the Prayers' that are sent via text to the phone, either the moment they are received or as soon possible. **You do need to be living where you have a good mobile phone signal!** Let David know if you would like to share in this ministry. It just might be the thing that God is calling you to do and what a blessing you will be and receive!



Thank you for providing your contact details - We now have quite a comprehensive database which is a great help, especially for circulating Together News! If you or if you know someone who would like to be on our mailing list for the latest Newsletters, please email their details to Suzanne at benefice@newforestparishes.com.

Lay Pastors - If you know any member of the Benefice who would welcome a phone call and a chat, please let Peggy and Peter Nicholls know on **023 8028 2378**.

Do you need any help at the moment, whilst in isolation - FOR HELP, CALL **02380 284 426**.

Daily Hope - FREE PHONE Line of hymns, reflections and Prayers - **0800 804 8044**

The Good Grief Trust - Coronavirus Bereavement Advice

COVID-19 NATIONAL NHS BEREAVEMENT HELPLINE - 8am - 8pm 0800 2600 400

A new Bereavement Helpline has been introduced by the NHS to support bereaved families during the Coronavirus outbreak. The new helpline is not a counselling service but will be available to offer support, guidance and advice on dealing with grief and loss.

The helpline will be staffed by NHS Blood and Transplant registered nurses who are highly skilled and experienced in working with bereaved people.