



August 2021

**Minister: Rev. Joe Adams**

**FROM THE VESTRY**

Usually we look forward to the coming months of summer with the thought of holidays, a bit of relaxation and hopefully some nice weather.

This year, it's getting back to the things we've all missed so much over the past few months, meeting together, sharing worship and singing! Although I'm sure we are all very eager to be involved there may be some anxious times ahead as we readjust to being 'normal' again. The Stewards' team have tried to ensure as safe an environment as possible and for that we will continue to be mindful of the advice given, wearing face coverings and keeping a reasonable distance etc, but, we can sing behind our masks, what a joy to be able to do that! We pray we will move on in faith with renewed hope and vigour. Gradually we will begin to re-open more aspects of our church life, so watch this space and website for details.

On behalf of all the stewards, and I'm certain you too, I would like to give a huge vote of thanks to Alison who is stepping down from the team after many years of faithful and valuable service. She has generously agreed to assist with some admin tasks, which is so appreciated. Alison your organisational skills are second to none and thank you, thank you and again I say, thank you for all that you have done.

We continue to pray for Margaret, Keith and Denise and the rest of the Clubb family, in this time of great sadness and worry.

Joe still remains quite unwell and due to the difficulties in the health service is still waiting for important appointments. I'm sure it must be an anxious time for him and should you wish to cheer him up a bit with a card, text or call please contact one of the stewards if you are unsure how best to do that (address or number). I know he will appreciate knowing we are thinking about and praying for him, Dave and Hannah.

May God shower us with his blessings, protect us by his Grace and fill us with his Spirit as we seek to love and serve Him through the coming weeks.

Take care,

*Christine Firmin*

### **THURSDAY CIRCLE**

I am pleased to announce that the Thursday Circle is up and running - the first of our church groups to open since the restrictions were lifted.

Numbers attending are low but all those present enjoyed meeting up, talking, socialising and a little bit of normality.

Coming up on our programme:

- 12 August – members and friends are going to the Mercury Theatre to see 'Baskerville'.
- 19 August – Board games
- 26 August – 'Call My Bluff'
- 2 September – Devotional afternoon, singing favourite hymns and reading favourite Bible passages.

Some face shields will be available.

If you missed singing, do come and join us and have a good time!

All meetings will be starting at the new regular time of **2.30 p.m.**

*Joan Gomer*  
*Secretary*

## YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

**There is an urgent need for extra help to maintain and support our church life.**

- **Church Stewards** - Alison has resigned as Senior Steward, and Christine Firmin has taken over from July. However the team would appreciate an extra member (or two) to help with the smooth running of the church, especially on a Sunday morning. We would love to have you on board, and you would be warmly welcomed.

### **Other ways you can help are:**

- **Projectionist** - to operate the computer on a Sunday morning
- **PowerPoint Compiler** (training provided if necessary) - to help create power point presentations for church services.
- **Sunday Playback** – 2.30 p.m. Sunday afternoons – to assist Debbie occasionally.
- **Communion Steward** - Communion Services are normally only once a month.
- **Door and Pew Steward** – to welcome and greet worshippers and distribute books as required – approx. once a month.
- **Sunday Coffee** - this is a really important job which is greatly appreciated by all who participate. Involves setting up, serving coffee, refreshments and clearing away with another person.
- **Church Cleaning** – vital in these current times – but can be done mid-week, with a key holder.

In addition to the above we now have another two vacancies to fill. Jeanette Gutteridge has resigned as **Safeguarding Officer** for Wimpole Road and Beryl Partridge has also stepped down from her role as **Church Flowers Co-ordinator**.

We are very grateful to both Jeanette and Beryl for their many years of loyal service and they will be happy to assist their successors if needed.

If you would like to know more about any of these vacancies, please speak to myself or a Steward. Any contribution will be most gratefully received and valued by the other people already carrying out these various roles. Thank you.

*Alison Ablewhite*

## TWO SHORT TOPICAL POEMS

*Written by Pat Farrow*

### BEWARE MY FRIENDS

I've just heard the announcements -  
Oh Boris – can we rely?  
ALL restrictions will be lifted  
On the 19<sup>th</sup> of July!

Hoorah! Some say,  
We're free at last!  
Really? That's not true,  
The virus is spreading fast.

We must use our own discretion  
To wear our masks or not.  
“Don't throw the baby out with the bath water”-  
Safety cannot be forgot!

Everybody should have the 'jab',  
It should be mandatory,  
'Cause if they don't, then deaths will rise  
And that's another story).

Yes of course trade must return  
And distancing will finish -  
But, do so with a little thought  
Or again life will diminish!

### CHOICES - (Freedom Day?)

Making a living or living? Wearing our masks or not?  
Keeping our distance or hugging? Throwing out rules or not?  
Washing our hands or don't bother? Sanitizing or not killing germs?  
Just pleasing yourself but not others? Carry on living or not?  
Opening doors and windows or not letting in the fresh air?  
Dancing and singing in crowds or best stay away if you care?  
Many of us will keep doing just what we know is best.  
Others throwing caution to the wind.

**Do what's safe – don't follow the rest!**

## JOURNEYS

I was going to use this in our Local Arrangement service but found that we already had enough to say. However I was thinking about what to say about ‘journeys’.

Each of us have arrived here today having taken different journeys and directions both physically and spiritually.

In our working life we all took a different way in getting to work - on foot or cycling, by car, bus or train and at least one of us has travelled to a new work assignment by plane or even by boat.

But however near or far we travelled we ALL had one thing in common in that we ALL travelled with God by our side.

In nature one of the most hazardous journeys undertaken is made by swifts. These birds travel thousands of miles from their homes in Africa to spend a few short weeks flying around our rooftops.

In my diary for Sunday 9 May I wrote –  
*“Saw the swifts for the first time this year. It is lovely to see them back”.*

For us the sight of the swifts return is one of the highlights of summer and we hope and pray that they will continue coming back for many more summers to come.

If you are a railway enthusiast you may know that two steam locomotives were named after two authors who wrote tales of a journey - Geoffrey Chaucer and John Bunyan.

The class name for these locomotives was suggested by the Anglican Bishop, Eric Treacey, who was also a renowned railway photographer.

What better names for trains responsible for hauling thousands of travellers.

***Graham Duthie***

## PRAYER CORNER

Dear Lord God

We come to give you thanks for the world you have created,  
and for the beauty and wonder that we see all around us.

We pray for families and friends and for those we love and care about  
and with whom we share our lives.

We thank you that we can worship without fear  
and we remember Lord that nothing separates us from your love.

Our prayers we bring in Jesus' name. Amen

## WEDDING

As you may know, Michael Topple proposed to his girlfriend, Jackie, on Easter Day. They are delighted to announce that they are getting married at Wimpole Road on August 14<sup>th</sup> this year and would be pleased to see church members and friends at the service. The service begins at 2.00 p.m. and will be followed by light refreshments in the halls.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

***Margaret and Keith Clubb*** – whose son, ***Stephen***, died recently.  
Also ***Keith*** – who is receiving treatment for many serious, ongoing conditions

- Margaret and Keith and family would like to extend their grateful thanks to all their church friends who have supported them during this traumatic time, with cards, messages and most of all loving prayers.

***Rev. Joe Adams*** – Joe is grateful for prayers and support during this period while he remains on extended sick leave.

Any ministerial concerns please contact Rev. Alan Jenkins or a Steward.

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## WIMPOLE ROAD CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST

Sunday mornings at 11.00 a.m.

<b>1 August</b>	<b>Local Arrangement</b>
<b>8 August</b>	<b>Rev. Sue King – Holy Communion</b>
<b>15 August</b>	<b>Mrs Joanne Eckersley</b>
<b>22 August</b>	<b>Local Arrangement</b>
<b>29 August</b>	<b>Mr Alan Beesley</b>

**A WARM WELCOME AWAITS**

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### **CENTENNIAL PRAYER**

*(Used at the Church Anniversary & Gift Day Service in 2004  
conducted by Rev. Tony Miles)*

Living God, we thank you for your constant love in a changing world.

We thank you for your trust in us and attention to us.

We thank you for all our history and traditions.

We thank you for this church building and for all that it is used for.

We thank you for our Church family and all we mean to each other,  
and all we can mean to others.

We thank you too, for our own gifts and graces.

We commit ourselves to using them imaginatively and creatively.

We commit ourselves to breaking out in new ventures in mission  
and ministry together.

And we commit ourselves to follow Jesus, in whose name we bring our  
prayers and our gifts.

Amen

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[www.wimpoleroadchurch.org.uk](http://www.wimpoleroadchurch.org.uk)

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## WORKING TOGETHER



**PRAYER MEETING Tuesday 10.00 - 10.30 a.m.**

Meeting number: 195 594 506 password 011904

**Join online via Zoom or Dial in from your phone on:**

0203 051 2874, 0203 481 5237, 0203 481 5240 or 0131 460 1196

## SUMMER CLOSURES

**Weekly Bible Study Meeting** will not meet in August as taking a short summer break; we plan to restart as normal from **Thursday 2 September** (full details will be in next month's Newsround).

**Three Together Live Worship** will not be broadcasting on 8, 15, 22 or 29 August, but will be returning as normal on our Facebook page from **Sunday 5 September**. The Sunday Service Replay is planned to continue.

## SUNDAY SERVICE REPLAY

**Phone numbers to use to dial in:**

0203 051 2874, 0203 481 5237, 0203 481 5240 or 0131 460 1196

Meeting ID: 458 171 4255 {Password if needed is 011904}