



NEWS

5 and 12 July 2020
5th and 6th Sunday after Pentecost

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from Monday 6 July

Mission Partner: Besom

Thank you from the Besom team for your continued support for your giving and telling your friends about us!

Covid 19

The last few months have been a dark time for many. It has been a privilege through Besom to bring hope and love into tough situations. Social workers and other key workers have been so faithful in helping those in need, it seemed natural, as people of faith, to walk with them. The referrals have kept coming in and we have seen the light of Christ shine through the darkness of this pandemic through your support and giving. With some generous cash donations we bought essential electrical items to deliver alongside beds, furniture and other household items that have been so generously donated to us. The good news is that many homeless people have been housed in the last few months and we have been able to help them furnish their new places.



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We are aware that consequences of Covid are far reaching, and for Besom there will be more need. We are in a marathon, not a sprint.

Praying

It is an honour to be able to offer to pray with those we meet and nearly everyone welcomes it. Recently, the team furnished the bedsit of a lady who was suffering with the virus and we called round to see if could help her with anything else. We asked through the shut door if we could pray and when we prayed she shouted the warmest and loudest AMEN! AMEN! through the key hole!

We have had so many answers to prayer for resources and opportunities to talk about Jesus, do ask us about them !

New team member, Paul, writes;

"I had the impression that Besom was a generally useful organisation that helped less privileged people by smartening up a home or garden, moving furniture and being generally helpful and nice to people. It is much more than that; I have become aware that everything we do touches a person with Jesus and I sense that we get touched too. I come away from visits being blessed by folk's welcome acceptance and thanks, with a realisation that we both give and receive and so is Jesus love spread through us all."



Projects

As we emerge into the post lockdown world, we envisage that many will need help with many practical things, both large and small. We always love to hear from groups or individuals who would like to join us or help with a project!

Julia Brand, besominashtead@googlemail.com

New Website - sgsgashtead.org.uk

Our new website is available from Monday 6 July, using new technology to offer more effective engagement with church. It works well on PCs, tablets and mobile phones so you can access it wherever you are, and integrates with social media. You can access our services, talks and reflections, find out how to get support and explore groups to join. Events are listed and Kids and Youth have their own areas. Pictures of church staff help you put a face to a name. We will move the old website gradually to a new platform but it is still available for address book etc. from the 'About Us' menu.

CHURCH TALKS

Faith in a Time of Crisis: Embracing Hope

July 5	Christ is our Hope	1 Peter 1: 3-9	John 10: 7-18
12	Hope Challengers: Anxiety	Philippians 4: 6-7	Matthew 6: 25-34
19	Hope Challengers: Weariness	Isaiah 40: 28-31	Matthew 11: 28-29



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St George's Church, Barnett Wood Lane, KT21 2DA

Update on church re-opening

St George's will be open again for private prayer from 2pm - 4pm on Sunday 5 July. Following that, consistent with current Church of England guidance, we will be holding a 40 minute spoken service of readings, a short homily, prayers and communion at **4pm on Sundays 12 and 19 July at St George's.**

Please note that social distancing and hygiene protocols will apply; sung worship is not currently permitted and communion will be in one kind only (wafer). We are not currently permitted to have children's/youth groups or to offer refreshments. As capacity is limited, to attend either of these services we ask you **please to sign up in advance.** To enable as many people as possible to attend, please only sign up for one date. To sign up for **12 July** [click here](#) and for **19 July** [click here](#), or call 01372 813964. There will be space for 2 wheelchairs available. Anyone who has not pre-booked can only be admitted if there are spaces available on the day.

This is for a trial period as the easing of lockdown continues to develop. Our 9am and 11am online 'At Home' services and daily online provision will continue until at least until the end of August. As the situation changes, and our service provision is likely to develop, we will review and update you regularly. Due to the current stage of the building works, and prioritising weddings, we are unable to open St Giles' at the moment. We will let you know as soon as this changes. Thank you.

Contemplative Prayer - 8pm, Monday 20 July, SGSG Ashtead YouTube

This time of prayer will be led on the theme of God's Truth, we will be looking at John 9 and how we might see how Jesus speaks truth to those in the Gospel story, and what that can mean for us today, in our own walk with God. There will be music, prayers and moments of silence, all helping us to reflect and focus.



An online event for women 8pm, Tuesday 21 July, via Zoom

Let's talk about race and learn from each other. Sarah Ladipo Manyika, a British Nigerian writer based in San Francisco (and also an Anglican vicar's daughter!), will share some thoughts and insights on racism and how we can respond.



This is not an easy conversation but it's a necessary one, that we aim to do in a safe and respectful environment. To register your interest and get the Zoom code, please email ministry@ashteadparish.org.

New Wine: United Breaks Out - 31 July to 3 August

Every year a group from Church goes to the summer New Wine United conference. This year it will be free and online, anyone can watch any of the sessions from home. You can find the [full programme here](#), there will be activities for children and youth as well. We will follow the talks and sessions online on YouTube and also, regulation permitting, will have a social on Saturday 1 August at midday. If you'd like to participate in a small group gathering during the conference or our zoom feedback session after the conference, please email nico.ohlsson@ashteadparish.org.

Update from Jonathan at the Epsom & Ewell Foodbank

The donation point at St George's has been great for us on two levels; people from the church have been able to donate to us via it and we know that it has been a great space for people in the community to donate to, who haven't been able to get out or go to the usual donation points.

The food has been invaluable, we had a few difficult weeks but your food started coming in at that point and allowed us to keep going, this was a real lifesaver for us at this time and then it has kept going and allowed us to restock. Thank you, we cannot say thank you enough for what you as individuals, as a church and as a community have done for us.



Alpha

After 9 weeks journeying together we are finishing our first Online Alpha, we had two leaders and eight participants. It has been great to look at our faith, how to communicate with God and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

We are hoping to start our next enquirer's course sometime in the Autumn, so please be thinking about who you'd like to invite and also pray for our Alpha group as we are finishing the course.

Please pray for

- our church, as we consider and plan re-opening with sufficient confidence and safety
- those taking part in Alpha, that they may hear and feel God's presence
- the work of Besom, as it continues to support those in need
- those who are sick and for those who give on-going care so faithfully to their loved ones
- the family of Yung-Sun Tong, who died on 5 June aged 70
- the family of Ronald Brown, who died on 17 June aged 85