

10th January 2021



St Georges Church

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For your prayers.

- When you think back through your life can you pinpoint each new beginning. Obviously, first days of school, learning to ride a bike, getting a driver's licence, etc. all count as new beginnings.
- What other new beginnings can you think of, perhaps a spiritual beginning, a new phase in your life such as moving from full time employment to part-time or indeed retirement.

Whatever they are and whenever they occurred remember that every new beginning is a new opportunity to do things differently or make some important changes to your life. I hope you have the time to reflect and if needed start something new.

Service this week and the shape of Services Moving Forward. This week and all subsequent weeks the Church service will be via Zoom only. However the Church will be open from 10:30am until 12 Noon, for the purposes of Silent prayer. **For this week only the Zoom service will still be broadcast from the Church, however you will not be able to actively participate (just watch)**

Following this week future services will either be run by the Duty Elder or Confidence either from their homes or in Confidence's case the manse. They will also be responsible for selecting and playing their own music. This week I will choose the music for the last time. I know for many you will be gutted at this news, but unfortunately all good things have to come to an end. Dave G chose My Lighthouse....no objection from me. Great Song.

**"Making mature and active disciples of Jesus Christ,
who worship God and show God's love inside and outside the Church."**

This Week...

All Church scheduled Services are now in Church and online. Unless otherwise stated.

Church Service

10th January – Confidence Bansah. **Zoom Only service**

17th January - Confidence Bansah & **Church meeting both Zoom Only**

<https://zoom.us/j/5181132409>

Click or copy the above link into your web browser to go to our **Online Sunday Services.**

Stay in touch with us via our webpage

www.st-georges-urc-hemel.org.uk

Or the Church's Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Georges-Church-HH-687803111369184/>

Other Online Resources...

Online URC Services - Access the devotions here:

bit.ly/URCdevotions or

subscribe here:

bit.ly/URCDDsubscribe

These are short links, but they will take you to the website.

Minister's Muses - Beloved, God does not change. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Amid change God remains the same in your life. This is true because God's word does not change. Just as God's word does not change so God's promises concerning your life will not change. "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? [Num. 23:19]. **Happy New Year!**

Church Meeting 17th January 2021. A crucial church meeting is being held after the morning service on **Sunday 17th January**, following on from our indicative vote on 6 December. This is the official meeting based on the national URC's guidance to ascertain the views of the church and to have a definitive vote on the question:

'This meeting affirms that we wish Rev. Dr Confidence Bansah to continue as our minister'

NOTE: Both the Service and the Church meeting will be held via Zoom ONLY.

The meeting will be independently overseen by the synod's appointee and will be attended, as an observer, by the synod moderator or his representative. The protocols for the meeting will be circulated this week.

St Albans Cathedral - Free Church Service. Please note that the St. Albans Cathedral service in February has been cancelled.

Good Governance in Churches: Expectations of the Charity Commission.

For those, you who are interested in this subject. Then this event might be of some interest to you. Rather than paste all the information here – please go to this website, it will provide you with all the information you need.

https://www.cte.org.uk/Articles/598839/Home/News/Latest_news/Good_Governance_in.aspx

Corona Virus – Information updates. For those who wish to bring themselves up to speed with what you can and cannot do during this lockdown – it is different from the last National lockdown. Then head to this website for the latest information. <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Contacts & Information

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Website - www.st-georges-urc-hemel.org.uk

The church website has details of events, services, & recordings. The member's area includes up to date rotas & information. Please contact the office for the member's password. Articles for the website send to admin@st-georges-urc-hemel.org.uk

Junior Church - (Term-Time) **Sunday mornings 10.30 am**

- Cell Group 14+
- 7up – Year 7 (11+)
- Junior Church (5+)
- Creche
- Child Friendly services during Half-Term.

All Meetings are suspended.

Reminder. When not in organised group sessions, children should be supervised by parents/carers at all times whilst on the premises.

Pilots - (Term-Time) Thursday **Meet in the church hall.**

- Deckhands (Recp. to Year 2) 5.45 until 7pm
- Adventurers (Year 3-6) 5.45 until 7pm
- Voyagers (Age 11-14) 7 until 8.15 pm

All Meetings are suspended.

Toddler Group - (Term-Time) **Thursday mornings 10-11.45 am**

- Please see Carol Edgeworth for details or the Church Facebook Page

Homegroups - Monday to Thursdays - See website for details.

All Meetings are suspended.

Wednesday Welcome - (Term time) Open to all. 10.15 am to 11.30 am Speakers, Activities & Fellowship.

All Meetings are suspended.

Prayer chain - Please speak to Josephine Sam

Prayer Meeting - (Term time)
Wednesdays 6.45 pm to 7.30 – meet online.