

17th January 2021



St Georges Church

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17th January : Church Meeting - An Important Question



For your prayers.

- **Decisiveness.** When faced with decisions that will impact not only you, but those around you and the organisations you represent or are aligned with, you should clear your mind of clutter and focus on what you think is best for you, the organisation and the future.
- **Commitment.** Once you have made your decision, you might need to help make it a reality. It may mean you need to step forward to help out. So, step forward if you see a need, or when asked.
- **Change.** Change can often be a difficult thing for everyone to accept. No matter how big or small, sadly many of us fear it. But they say change is the only constant thing...embrace it, and make it work for you.

"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

17th January - Jim Wignall & Church meeting both Zoom Only. (Confidence at Hatfield)

24th January - Confidence Bansah - 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.

Church Meeting - Why are we having another meeting? - The previous vote at the church meeting on Sunday 6th December had no official standing; it was simply intended to indicate the mood of the membership, so that a URC process to test the call could be triggered, if appropriate. The vote on 17th January is the definitive ballot through which church members tell the synod if they wish or do not wish to reaffirm the call. So, there will be another meeting, see details below.

Church Meeting 17th January 2021. This crucial church meeting is being held after the morning service on **Sunday 17th January**, following on from our indicative vote on 6th 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'.

If you attend the online meeting, and you are on the current membership list then you will receive via email (or hand delivered for those who are not) a ballot paper which will enable you to take part in the Church vote.

All ballot papers should be returned to the office no later than 5pm on Monday 18th January. Ballots may be submitted in one of 3 ways: **1)** in person at the church (drop off in the post box), **2)** by email to the church admin office and **3)** collected in person in a sealed envelope by an elder.

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 have already been circulated.

The result will be made available to all on Tuesday 19th January. **NOTE:** Both the Service and the Church meeting will be held via Zoom ONLY.

Minister Muses - Beloved, God hears your prayers. There may be times when it seems like your prayers go nowhere but just waft into the air. This is not the case. God hears your prayers. His answers will sometimes come at surprising times, in a surprising place, in a surprising way. Watch for the answer! "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). **Stay blessed.**

Contacts & Information

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Please send newsletter items to - admin@st-georges-urc-hemel.org.uk

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.