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St Georges Church

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For your thoughts & prayers.

- For the Leadership team as they work to shape our services moving forward, and in particular remember them as they work hard to develop our Easter services.

Service this Week. Kevin is preaching this week. The service which is themed around **'Let the Light shine'** will involve a small fun quiz near the beginning of the service. Kevin will also lead the talk which is entitled **'Let the shine out of the darkness'**. Afterwards we will break into small fellowship groups (**using Zoom breakout rooms**) for a quick 10 minute reflection and discussion. So have a light handy (torch, candle, etc.)

Have you been vaccinated? Now that things have the potential to open up it would be useful if we knew who has been vaccinated. The information would be used by the elders to gauge how safe it will be to reopen the Church. Please send an email me in the office. Thanks.

Government Review on Abortion. One of the friends of St George's has forwarded an email from Brepheos - CBR UK about a government review on abortion. During the Covid crisis the government has changed many ways of doing things, one of these ways is how it handles abortions.

**"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 **ONLINE** until further notice. See Zoom link below.

Church Service

28th February – Maggie Bradley & Kevin York – **Zoom Only.**

7th March - Jim Wignall - **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.

The government is now conducting a review of this and has asked for people to complete an online questionnaire which can be found at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/1jtgaga1>

The government has said that they wish to hear from **health professionals and from women with experience of abortion.**

We know that this issue is very sensitive and very personal therefore we ask that if you wish to respond please do so with prayer and thoughtfulness.

Rachel Harvey. CRCW Candidating process. Rachel Harvey has sent me an update on the process she is going through to be a Church Related Community Worker.

The role of a CRCW is commensurate with that of a Minister, insofar as the ministry of CRCW was formally recognised by the URC General Assembly in 1987 as a distinctive ministry with equal status to the ministry of Word and Sacraments. Please have a read through the update Rachel has sent. Hopefully, she will keep us up to date with her progress.

Please think of Rachel as she embarks on this challenging and rewarding ministry.

Online Watch Link (OWL). This is part of the Neighbourhood watch programme and details can be found at this site. www.owl.co.uk. I get regular updates via the programme into the Church office.

OWL keeps communities safe, helps reduce crime and keeps people informed on what is going on locally. It is a secure platform for the public and shared with the police and local authority to maximise the potential of Neighbourhood Watch, Rural Watch, Business Watch and dozens of other schemes. One of the recent developments has been **Dog Watch.**

Dog Lover/Owner. The aim of Dog Watch is to keep dog walkers and owners up to date with any local issues or incidents, lost or stolen dogs, etc. You can join DOG WATCH for free by going to www.owl.co.uk very useful, as there seems to be an abundance of people and dog walking companies walking & exercising dogs all over the place. It's good to be out in the fresh air.

Contacts & Information

Pastoral Care: Please contact either **Josephine** or **Denise** via the office number **01442 212320**. Leave a message and they will call you back.

Church Office – admin@st-georges-urc-hemel.org.uk 01442 212320

Hall Hire – Contact the admin office - 01442 212320.

Lifts Co-Ordinator – denise.chennell@coolemail.co.uk - 07808 442215.

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.