



Sunday 10th October – 19th Sunday after Trinity

Dear Friends, welcome to this week's Newsletter for all our friends and neighbours of Burchetts Green Parish.

I am now on holiday from parish duties until Sunday 24th October; if you need to speak to a Priest in the meantime please contact Sue in the Parish Office (contact details below). We welcome Revd Kevin Colyer who is leading all our worship this Sunday.

Services this Sunday are as follows:

8am	Stubbings	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Hurley	Eucharist with hymns (modern language CW)
4pm	Littlewick Green	All Age worship – Minecraft Church

This Sunday afternoon sees an introduction to 'Minecraft Church' by Revd Kevin at Littlewick Green church. Are you into the popular computer game Minecraft? If not, your children almost certainly will be !! You don't need ANY previous knowledge of Minecraft, computer games, or any technology or 'gaming' ability – this is equally exciting for all generations. If you do have a laptop or iPad with access to Minecraft, bring it along and see your contributions appear as if by magic 'on the big screen'! Puzzled? Intrigued? Excited? Then do come, and you can always bring a friend.

Services for Next Sunday 17th October:

9.15am	Littlewick Green	Family Eucharist with hymns
10.30am	Hurley	God in Quiet
11am	Stubbings	Holy Communion with hymns (BCP)

Cameo is meeting this Thursday, 14th October in the Priory Room, Hurley at 3pm. Come and share in tea, homemade cakes, chat and a great quiz! All welcome. This is the first meeting of Cameo (**"Come and Meet Each Other"**) since the Covid lockdown, and from now on Cameo will meet regularly on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Many thanks to our leaders of the **Littlewick Green Sunday Club**, Sally and Helen, for a very successful first meeting last Sunday – we had 45 people in church, including 11 children who went out to spend time enjoying themselves with the Sunday Club in the new children's Cabin. The next meeting of Sunday Club will be Sunday 7th November.

and others for arranging the first meeting of the Littlewick Green Sunday Club last Sunday – this was very successful, with

There will be a **thanksgiving service for Janet Houston** on Thursday 28th October at 2.30pm in Stubbings Church. All are welcome, but if you intend coming could you please let the Parish Office know (820077, office@burchettsgreenparish.org) .

This week (9th to 16th October) is National Baby Loss Awareness Week, when we remember those whose life has been lost through miscarriage, still birth, or infant death – and for the parents who have been sadly affected by these traumatic events. At the same time, we remember all those whose lives have been marked because for whatever reason they have been unable to become parents. I realise that even mentioning these situations will be painful for some, and my prayers will be with you this week. Remember the UK charity Sands (The Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity) stands ready to help if you need it, and our Priests will always be willing to hold a pastoral conversation in private or to lead private prayers for you.

You may be surprised to learn, as I was, that In the UK abortions stand at about 200,000 per year, compared with live births of about 700,000. And so we pray for all who are caught up in those decisions.

Vacancy News. The process has now reached the stage of interviews, which will be held on Friday 15th October. Do please keep the interview panel and the candidates in your prayers.

QUENCH, our local Christian bookshop, has been hit hard by the pandemic and is considering the future of its shops, including the one in Maidenhead. Do please pray for them – they are an excellent resource, and they are a Christian presence and witness simply by being on the High Street and testifying to the Christian community in our town. They are a registered charity, and they have a network of supporters who support them financially in order to maintain that witness and Christian service, so you may like to consider making a donation towards their work.

Parish Office. The Parish Office is open for visitors and phone calls three mornings a week – Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 12 noon. On other days, emails will be attended to on a daily basis. I **can usually be contacted** on revjohnainslie@gmail.com and 01628 629827 (do leave a message on the confidential answering machine if I don't answer) – but not this week!



Our churches are open for private prayer this week:

St John's Littlewick Green – open every day 11am – 4pm
St Mary the Virgin Hurley – open every day 8am – 5pm
St James-the-Less Stubbings – open Monday – Friday

Service arrangements from Sunday 25th July:

Our Sunday services will now run as follows:

- You will be asked to sanitise your hands on entry to and exit from the church building
- We will maintain social distancing within the church, including using only alternate pews
- We ask that you wear a face covering when moving about the church and especially when coming forward to receive communion – but not whilst you are in your pew
- There will be a welcome return to singing hymns in church
- Communion will be given in one kind only, as has been our custom throughout the pandemic

These arrangements offer the benefits of not needing to wear a face covering throughout the service, and of joining in with singing hymns; balanced with hand sanitising, the preservation of social distancing and the reception of communion in one kind.



If you are unable to join us in Church for whatever reason, there are many livestream and recorded services available online, including from Marlow at <https://4u-team.org/digitalchurch> and I continue to recommend the daily and Sunday services from Canterbury Cathedral at <https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/worship/online-worship/>

Keep safe, be gentle on yourself, and remember that with God by your side you need never be alone.

With love and prayers,

Fr John Ainslie