



Sunday 24th October - Last 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).

Services for this Sunday are as follows:

8am	Stubblings	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Hurley	Eucharist with hymns (CW)

Commemoration of Departed Loved Ones. Next Sunday, 31st October, will be kept as the Feast of All Saints with a Eucharist at Littlewick Green at 9.15am. It is also the Sunday when we remember our departed loved ones. There is an opportunity to help decorate the church at Littlewick with red roses in commemoration of our departed loved ones (contact Richard Moores for info) and appropriate prayers will be said at the end of the Eucharist service.

Between 3pm and 5pm in the afternoon of Sunday 31st October Stubblings Church will be open for quiet prayer and reflection with peaceful background music and an opportunity to light a candle in memory of your loved ones. You will be welcome to come and go as you wish, spending as much or as little time in church as is right for you. A Priest will be available throughout if you would like an opportunity to talk in private. There will be no formal prayers – it is a space for you to use as you wish, but experience tells me that many people find this opportunity helpful.

Services for Next Sunday 31st October:

9.15am	Littlewick Green	Eucharist for All Saints, followed by prayers for the departed
3pm – 5pm	Stubblings	Commemoration of our departed loved ones

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

Parish Office. The Parish Office is open for visitors and phone calls (01628 82077) three mornings a week – Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 12 noon. On other days, emails (office@burchettsgreenparish.org) will be attended to on a daily basis. **I can be contacted on**

revjohnainslie@gmail.com and 01628 629827 (do leave a message on the confidential answering machine if I don't answer).



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