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Shuttington & Warton  
Parish of All Souls, North Warwickshire

# Church News

June 2020

**Online services for June will be as follows:**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Trinity Sunday (2 Corinthians 13:11-14 Matthew 28:16-20)  
10.30am SOUL CAFÉ

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8)  
6.00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39)  
10.30am Family Worship

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42)  
10.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity 10.30am SOUL CAFÉ

During June, in the absence of guidance concerning the re-opening of churches, All Souls will continue to offer one online service per week. Links will be posted on the All Souls website and the Soul Café Facebook page.

We hope there will be something for everyone!

**Church Website** - for latest news: <http://www.allsoulsnorthwarwickshire.co.uk>

## PRAYERS

Prayers for the World: We pray for our world, still very much in the grip of the COVID-19 pandemic, that measures may be found to bring the virus under control as quickly as is practically possible and with the minimum loss of life. We pray especially for those countries which do not have the necessary resources to combat the virus and where medical services may be few and far between. We ask your blessing on all those agencies, including Christian Aid, MAF and Crosslinks, seeking ways of helping those in other lands caught up in the pandemic. We pray for comfort and healing for the sick in all lands and for peace for the many bereaved families. Above all, we pray that the love of Jesus will reign supreme.

Prayers for the Nation: We pray for Elizabeth our Queen and all in authority under her, that our government will be seen to act with wisdom and integrity in the easing of the lockdown. We pray for those who work in the NHS and social care and for all other key workers playing a vital role in maintaining the welfare of the nation. We pray for reassurance and support for those facing financial hardship and loss of employment in the current crisis. But we also give thanks for all the love, care and support being shown in every community, praying that we will remain strong in the face of adversity and united in our observance of safety guidelines.

Prayers for the Church: In these difficult and challenging times we pray for the Church and its leaders throughout the nation, but especially here in our Diocese of Birmingham, Deanery of Polesworth and Parish of All Souls. We ask your blessing on us as we reach out to our church family via our website, through online services and the prayer circle and seek to maintain contact with those without internet access. We continue to pray for the welfare of our Mission Partners, including present and past Crosslinks Study Partners, Patrick Cyprian and Irene Apio.

Prayers for our Community: We pray for all those who reside in our parish, and are grateful for all the acts of love and kindness shown to all in need. We ask for your special blessing on the residents of Linden Lodge, their families and the care staff at this worrying time. We also lift up to you the children returning to school at this time and their teachers, asking that you would surround them with your love and protection.

Prayers for the sick: Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care those who are ill or in pain, especially those of our church family and others known to us. Be close to those who must suffer alone without the supporting presence of family and friends. Comfort and heal them and restore them to health and strength.

Prayers for the bereaved: We pray for all who mourn the loss of loved ones at this time, including the families and friends of Betty Yates, Paul Reading, Nancy Guild, Ken Scott, Jeanne Sammons and Alice Smith. Be with all who must grieve alone and comfort them.

Tithe for June

Birmingham City Mission

A tenth of all our offerings is given as a tithe.

*“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous hand.” (Isaiah 41:10)*

*“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” (2 Peter 5:6-7)*

### Future Dates

Churches are now permitted to be open for individual prayer (from Monday 15 June) but, because of practical difficulties in ensuring that all safety requirements are met, the churchwardens of All Souls have decided to delay this for the time being. The situation will be reviewed in the coming weeks. There will be an opportunity for individual prayer in Polesworth Abbey and details will be posted on the website as soon as they become available. There is as yet no permission for public worship to resume. Consequently, all weddings and baptisms are postponed until further notice. Some weddings scheduled for this year have already been re-booked and enquiries for 2021 are welcome. Funerals, currently, have to be conducted either at the crematorium or in the churchyard in case of burial. Only a graveside service is permitted, with a vicar and very small number of family mourners observing social distancing. As a church, we are more than happy to hold services of celebration and thanksgiving once the lockdown is lifted and enquiries will be welcome when that happens.

### CHURCH FINANCES

The financial impact of the coronavirus is hitting large numbers of individuals, businesses and charities and with the suspension of services and absence of plate collections churches are also affected. In All Souls we still have to pay insurance costs (approx. £900 per month) and are endeavouring to maintain Common Fund payments (just over £3,000 per month). If you would normally make your offering via the church plate and would like and are able to carry on supporting us, then we can process payments by cheque (payable to All Souls PCC) – sadly not cash at the moment – or you might like to consider setting up a Standing Order payment through your bank. For further details please contact the Treasurer Trish Richardson – Tel: 01827 66282 or email [trishrich18@gmail.com](mailto:trishrich18@gmail.com)

### VACANCY PRAYER

Under the current, exceptional circumstances, there is no news in response to the advert for a new vicar. As well as praying for a resolution to the COVID-19 virus, we continue to offer our Vacancy Prayer: Father God we bring before you your precious church.

We pray that, during this interregnum and time of change, all the people of "All Souls" will encourage one another and work together to honour and glorify your Holy name. We pray especially for the churchwardens and members of the PCC and all who will share responsibility until a new leader is found.

Thank you, Lord, that you have gone before us and chosen the right person to lead us.

In Jesus' mighty name we pray. **Amen.** A longer version is also available, if preferred, for private use.

### ECCLESIASTICAL INSURANCE GROUP (EIG) INSURANCE OFFER – EXTENDED TO 31/12/20

EIG's offer to donate £130 to parishes for each new **home insurance policy** taken out has been extended to 31 December 2020. All Souls has already benefited from two donations. Recently voted "the most trusted brand for home insurance", EIG's rates are highly competitive.

To find out more, call **0800 783 0130** quoting **TRUST 130** or visit [www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130)

### DOVE MAGAZINE

We regret that we were unable to produce and distribute The Dove in May but we are planning to resume publication in late July/early August. If you have any items you would like included, please contact Alison Meredith, Anne Bufton-McCoy or Sally Parkes.

*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” (John 14:27)*