

Trinity 7 & 8

31 July & 7 August 2022



Hello Everyone,

It was lovely to see a good few from St Laurence as the **Commonwealth Games** Baton came through Victoria Common yesterday. I'm looking forward to seeing Revd Colin Corke driving a white Austin A35 bubble car in the Opening Ceremony this evening. He will be 'on' around 8.06pm and will be one of the last white cars coming on from one of 4 directions.

I do my first shift as a volunteer Police Chaplain this afternoon and have tickets for quite a few events too so after today I'm taking leave and will be back on duty on Tuesday 9th August to take Mavis Hadley's funeral which is at 11am that day in church. We send our condolences and love to Geoff and family on their sad loss.

Revd Theresa starts her summer leave on 6th August so we're very grateful to Fr John and Janice for leading the service on 7th August. Peter will be around that weekend and looking after Zoom that day but this Sunday Revd Theresa will be setting it up and Stuart Andrew looking after it from just before the service. If you can log-in by 9.20am that will help but don't panic if there is a delay in admitting you. We will NOT be recording this Sunday.

We are delighted to welcome **Kevin** as our organist again this Sunday.

We will be celebrating St Laurence Day in church on Sunday 14th August and also with a **BBQ and Games** the evening before (Saturday 13th August) from 6-8pm in the Pastoral Centre.

- It will be an all-age event and include a short optional Beetle Drive. Pay at the door. £5 per person including a hot dog or burger (more can be purchased on the day) and tea/coffee/squash.
- You are welcome to bring your own drinks and glasses.
- So we have some idea of numbers for catering please sign up in the church porch or at the Sunday School service or let Rowena know ideally by text or e-mail 07724 170448 / rowena.nicholls@sky.com

The next "Wild Church" is on Sunday 7th August at 4pm in the churchyard. The short service will launch our summer Scavenger Hunt. Open to everyone.

Thank you to the small band of **Holy Dusters** who have just done a great job in cleaning the church. The electricians have now left but will be back in the autumn. They are awaiting the delivery of some of the heaters. Virtually all of the church is available to use, though the speakers in the chancel aren't working so we suggest not sitting in the choir stalls until they are fixed.

Julie Meadows and Kathy Mayne (07725031358) say keep the **poppies** coming in. There is now a bag marked 'poppies' at the back of church for all who have been busy so far. Hilda Pouncett has found an easier pattern which is available in church.

Northfield Baptist Church is delighted to announce that Arthur and Nicky Magahy will be their new ministers from early in 2023. Many of you will know Theresa Burton who has been the lay pastoral minister at the church for some years. She was ordained as a Baptist Pastor last Saturday and is in conversation with another church about a part time role. She will continue to work at Northfield until the

end of August and her support at Ash Grove will continue for the foreseeable future. May God bless them all in this time of exciting change.

Have you noticed the **foodbank donation basket in the Pastoral Centre** foyer? Donations have been going to the B30 foodbank, which is currently overseen by Northfield Community Partnership alongside our local foodbank. So if you're able to, do please drop items off when you pop in for a group or activity, for coffee after church, or just when you're passing. Thank you.

The **Lambeth Conference** runs from 26 July – 8 August, exploring what it means for the Anglican Communion to be responsive to the needs of a 21st Century world. This is a meeting of the Bishops throughout the Anglican Communion and takes place every 10 years, though this one has been delayed. Dorothea is singing during some of the worship, as part of a group of Zimbabwean singers. To find out more see the Lambeth Conference website has various resources,

- view the [programme overview and timetable](#)
- download the [prayer guide](#)

Eco Tip: One of the priorities on the Commonwealth Games' sustainability agenda is their "zero waste to landfill" ambition. So why not join in, and see how far you can go over the next couple of weeks in reusing, recycling, and not using single-use items such as plastic wrapping.

Finally, please note this is a two-week edition. If you lose it, the notices can be found on a link on the front page of the church web-site

*Blessings,
Canon Janet*

For your prayers:

Please pray for all involved in the Games; that all will go well and there will be a lasting legacy for everyone involved and for our city.

Those who are ill

Peter Valentine: still in hospital. Little change in recent months.

Pat Billingham who is recovering from hand surgery

Pete Coyne: sadly Pete's cancer has spread but looks to be slow growing. He should be starting 'rapid immune treatments' in late August. It isn't a pleasant treatment but is very effective in many cases. He and Lorraine are very grateful for all your support and prayers.

Quite a few congregants with Covid – Barry has just gone down!

Those who have died

Joan Fisher: whose funeral was on Tuesday 26th July at 2pm at Haycombe Crematorium Chapel in Bath. There will be a service at St Laurence Church when her ashes are buried here.

Michael Taylor: funeral in church on Wednesday 3rd August at 1pm (this was incorrect last week)

Mavis Hadley: funeral in church on Tuesday 9th August at 11am (and then Lodge Hill.) Many of you will remember them from the 8.30am service where Geoff was sidesman.

Brian Goodall: funeral at Lodge Hill on 15th August. Brian was married to Sandra and Beryl's cousin.

Community News (by Revd Theresa) A bumper edition to keep you going for the next few weeks!

Community News

Northfield Community Partnership Hub is open Monday - Friday 9am-5pm for any advice or support:

0121 411 2157

email info@northfieldcommunity.org

or just drop in at the NCP Hub, 693 Bristol Road South, Northfield, B31 2JT

Don't forget **the Beach and a huge variety of entertainments** are coming to Northfield from Thursday 28th to Sunday 31st July, and Kings Norton Thursday 11th to Sunday 14th August...newly announced, Friendly Fire Band will be singing the soundtrack of the BBC's coverage of the Commonwealth Games, 'It's a Brum ting', at Northfield Beach on Saturday 30th July – go to YouTube for a video of the song and see what local landmarks you can spot!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fbdt-S8ms9A>

Get into the spirit of the Commonwealth Games with **Cook the Commonwealth**, a collection of simple recipes from the 72 Commonwealth countries. From Anguilla to Zambia, why not try something new for tea every day of the games – there's even a recipe from Birmingham!

Download the free Whisk app from your Appstore, follow #cookthecommonwealth or visit the Whisk website:

<https://my.whisk.com/community/c006f6902de1450eb0047a14c44f7bee>

Road closure notification On Saturday 30 July between 0230 and 1530, there will be a number of road closures and parking restrictions in place for the Commonwealth Games marathon. Further details may be found here:

https://colmorebusinessdistrict.com/wpcontent/uploads/2022/07/79.131_Get_Set_marathon_leaflet_v3_REPRO_23.06.2022.pdf

There's lots going on at **Northfield Library** over the summer, including... take a look at the display of masks from Commonwealth Countries in the Americas (from now until 13th August) and then make your own at the Marvellous Masks workshop on 1st August 11am! Plenty of arts and crafts events as well as story-telling. More information on Facebook or just pop in.

If you haven't already experienced the tranquillity of the **Greenhouse at Barnes Close**, why not find out more at their Open Day on Saturday 6th August, 11am-2pm. Includes house and grounds tours, plant sale, children's trail, alpaca walking, prayer walk, and more. Becoming known for their pay as you can retreats, also keep an eye out for upcoming events to learn, grow and rest.

Find out more at greenhouseatbarnesclose.org.uk, on Facebook, or by ringing 01562 710278. Find them at the Chadwich Manor Estate B61 0RA, just five minutes from the Lydiate Ash island.

Did you work at Cadbury's between 1940 and the early 1960's? Author Annie Murray would love to hear your stories (maybe they'll even feature in one of her upcoming novels...!). Go along to Northfield Library 10.30am-midday on Tuesday 16th August, no booking required.

It can be particularly difficult **accessing the support you need** over the summer holiday period. Northfield Community Partnership is great at connecting local people and organisations, including advertising social activities to keep people connected, championing local events, carer support, and help with accessing food banks and additional financial support.

Follow them on Facebook or Twitter @NorthfieldPship, call 0121 411 2157 or call in to the NCP Hub opposite Northfield Shopping Centre.

Covid: Covid is still on the rise, albeit perhaps more slowly than in recent weeks. Official guidance is to stay at home if you have any of the ‘classic’ symptoms or symptoms of respiratory illness. For help on any aspect of Covid, call 119 or visit the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> A new NHS website offers advice about recovering from Covid: <https://www.yourcovidrecovery.nhs.uk/>

SERVICES AND MEETINGS COMING UP	
<p>Saturdays Church Open 10 – 12noon</p> <p>30th July 4pm Wedding of Janet Burke and Stuart Donnelly</p>	<p>In church</p> <p>In church</p>
<p>Sundays 8.30am Sunday School Service</p> <p>9.30am Holy Communion</p> <p>4pm Wild Church (7th & 21st August)</p>	<p>In the Pastoral Centre – please pre-book so we know numbers</p> <p>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/170206735929</p> <p>bookings close at 2pm on the Saturday before.</p> <p>In church by zoom and zoom-phone</p> <p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84533030134</p> <p>Meeting ID: 845 3303 0134</p> <p>In the Churchyard</p>
<p>Mondays 5pm Evening Prayer by zoom</p>	<p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89992167638</p> <p>Meeting ID 89992167638</p>
<p>Tuesdays 10am Gridiron ‘Coffee’</p> <p>5pm Evening Prayer by zoom</p>	<p>Continuing to meet at 10.30am at The Black Horse</p> <p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89992167638</p> <p>Meeting ID 89992167638</p>
<p>Wednesdays 10am Holy Communion</p> <p>4.30 – 5.15pm Bible Study on coming Sunday’s readings by zoom</p> <p>8.30pm Compline</p>	<p>In church and by Conference Call</p> <p>0117 463 6922 Code 1139#</p> <p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89992167638</p> <p>Meeting ID 89992167638</p> <p>Use above phone number</p>
<p>Thursdays 2-3pm Handbell practice</p>	<p>In church vestry</p>
<p>Fridays 7.30 – 9pm Bell Ringing Practice</p> <p>5th August Wedding of Debbie Norbury and Colin Townsend</p>	<p>In church</p>

Also - You can Phone a Service 24 hours a day!

freephone 0800 804 8044 for Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England. And to hear one of the **St Laurence Ministers preaching: 0121 270 4690** These are changed after the services on Sundays and Wednesdays (usually by early evening)

Peter Chapman is now making Sunday and Wednesday sermons available as **Podcasts**: via:

Spotify at <https://open.spotify.com/show/16wZUENutAJSTu5a4nPDde>

Apple at <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/sermons-from-st-laurence-church-northfield/id1603832487>

and on other Podcast players the generic address is <https://feeds.buzzsprout.com/1915174.rss>

ALSO there is now a player for the sermon podcasts at the foot of the 'Worship' page on the Church web site which allows the sermons to be played directly from that page.

CONTACT DETAILS

PARISH OFFICE	
Lorraine Freeman (Parish Administrator) <i>Lorraine is working from home quite a bit at the moment</i>	enquiries@saintlaurence.info (note this changed in October 2021) ☎ 0121 475 1518
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Canon Janet Chapman <i>On leave from Friday 29 July. Back on duty Tuesday 9th August</i>	janet.rectory@gmail.com ☎ 0121 477 3111
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Twitter: @stlaurenceb31

Rector: @janetchapman5

Facebook www.facebook.com/StLaurenceChurchNorthfield

YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/c/stlaurencenorthfield>

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. If you need to contact someone regarding a church safeguarding concern (adults or children), please call our Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Rowena Nicholls, on 07724 170448.

If you have an urgent concern for the safety of yourself or someone else, call 999.

Sadly, some people have been **abused by someone from a church**. "Safe Spaces" is a free, independent support service providing a confidential personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone from a church or as a result of their relationship with the Church of England, the Catholic Church in England and Wales, or the Church in Wales. Although funded by the churches it is run by the independent charity, Victim Support. If you have been affected, however long ago, they can provide you with support. You do not have need to have told the police or the church authorities. Your information

will not be shared without your consent unless you or someone else is in danger. Telephone 0300 303 1056 for more information.

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