

17th Oct 2021

This Week's Service

Everyone is welcome to our service this week, whether joining us in person or online.

This week's sermon in our series "What Kind of Church Are We?" is based on Romans 9:30-10:15 and titled "A Church That Speaks".

Covid-19 Update

Dear Church Family

After our last Deacons meeting where we reviewed in detail the local COVID infection rates and hospitalisations, we now feel able to tell you about the plans we have formulated as we relax the COVID 19 social distancing and safety measures.

Our plan is that from this coming weekend (Sunday 17th October) we will be allowing you to make your own personal choice about wearing masks as you enter the church building whilst still asking you to continue to sanitise your hands as you enter and leave the building. We would also ask you to remember to be sensitive regarding other people's concerns and vulnerabilities about their own health and safety. We will not be taking names for the purpose of track and trace so if you want to continue to be involved in track and trace then we would encourage you to use the QR code on the table by the hand sanitiser.

For the time being we will still be asking you to put on a mask or face covering whilst you sing (except for those who are exempt) as singing increases the chance of infection. On that same note if you do find yourself suffering from any cold or flu like symptoms, please stay at home and make use of the Zoom facility which we will continue.

Our current plan is that from the 21st November we will be making the wearing of masks at church a matter of personal choice, including for singing, providing that local COVID circumstances and rates of infection stay low and Governmental or BU guidance does not change.

We know that there are some of you who are longing for the freedom to return to a full expression of our Sunday worship whether you have already

returned on a Sunday morning or are joining us via ZOOM. We do pray that those of you who have not yet joined us in person on a Sunday morning will feel confident to do so in the very near future. Refreshments after the services will also resume as soon as we can get the kitchen crockery and equipment thoroughly cleaned and the equipment serviced and prepared for use.

Thank you so much for your patience in this matter and do please continue to pray for the safety of our church fellowship as we gather and if you do have any concerns, please contact one of the members of the Church Leadership Team.

Nathan and The Deacons



Daventry Food Bank

You will remember that, before Covid, we had a box at the front of the church to collect donations for Daventry Food Bank. It has been decided that now is the right time to invite you to make a weekly donation to the Food Bank and the box will be placed at the front left corner of the sanctuary for you to add your gift.

Daventry Food bank would be very happy to receive any tinned or long life items of food. Tinned meat and tuna would especially be appreciated at the moment. We are also always in need of pot noodles or packet pasta/noodle meals that you just add boiling water to, as these are useful for our homeless and sofa surfing recipients. We are, however, NOT currently in need of pasta, cereal, tea, tinned beans, soup or biscuits, thanks to our regular donations. Any male or female toiletry items would also be gratefully received.

Thank you so much for your support of this charity in these very difficult times for many.

The Gathering Online

This 24-7 Prayer online conference is taking place on October 29th to 31st. You can book a free ticket at <https://www.24-7prayer.com/events/GatheringOnline21>.

MIND Coffee & Cake Morning

We will be hosting a MIND Coffee & Cake Morning on Saturday 13 November 2021 from 10:00-12:30. Northamptonshire MIND are our church's local charity.

We will be asking for donations of homemade cakes and for helpers on the day.

Many thanks
Sarah & Carolyn

Flower Rota

We are keen to start the flower rota up again. This works by selecting a date & putting flowers in the church either to remember a happy occasion or in memory of someone or if you would just like to give the flowers one week to enhance our church on a Sunday morning.

It doesn't mean you have to arrange the flowers but we would like to encourage as many as possible to do this. It doesn't have to be a fantastic arrangement.

The flowers are then given each week to someone who is suffering/bereaved or as a thank you to one of our church fellowship or someone who has a link with us. This is a good way to show we care for others.

If you can help in this way or would like to know more please speak to Lesley Sallet or Ann Ellis. Thank you.

CV and Job Search Advice

Hazel Durbridge is offering free advice to people of any age, on Saturday mornings at the library. For more information, please speak to Hazel at church, phone c/o Buckby Library & Hub on 01327 842591 or email: hazel.durbridge@gmail.com.

Do You Have a Story to Share?

I like to write and have been in touch with The Bugle which is in transition to being managed by a small team at the Library. I had a

small piece in the last edition about writing people's stories, but this has a very wide remit, including I hope supporting small local enterprise, so if any of the congregation would like to be promoted let me know.

Traditionally I understand the Bugle has been seen as a Labour paper and also seen as something for older people. I have suggested that for November's edition we try and give it a Young Person's focus. What things are important for young people coming out of the pandemic - reflections on village life, dreams for the future etc. No names, though we might put ages if comments need to be put in context. If any young people have something to say I am willing to listen - with parental approval.

I have promised Helen at the museum that I will write up longer stories (perhaps mainly older people) for their oral history section. Anything I write will be reviewed and edited by the individual. This is not gossip journalism and in reality only 2-300 words might get published. I don't have editorial veto. I just produce content, but the content I submit will be approved by the interviewee / their family.

Hazel Durbridge

Encourage Each Other with These Words

Dave has asked us to share this:

<https://premierchristianmedia.co.uk/16DQ-7KOECA61DAE2C68750D8649BP3JC9364497E59BE2AE/cr.aspx>