

KESTON PARISH CHURCH

MONTHLY PEW SHEET

August 2024



Sun	4th Aug	8am	BCP HC (1662)
		10am	Celebrational Worship
Tue	6 th Aug	9.30am	Prayer Walk
Thu	8 th Aug	12noon	Funeral of Trevor Rowland
Fri	9 th Aug	NO Choir Practice	
Sun	11th Aug	10am	Holy Communion Service
Tue	13 th Aug	12.30 pm	Social lunch @ Holwood Farm Café
Fri	16 th Aug	NO Choir Practice	
Sun	18th Aug	10am	Holy Communion Service
			With Prayer for Healing & Wholeness
Wed	21 st Aug	9.30am	Prayer Walk
		7pm	Men's Group @ Greyhound
Fri	23 rd Aug	NO Choir Practice	
Sun	25th Aug	10am	Holy Communion Service
		3pm	Tea & cakes @ the Rectory
Fri	30 th Aug	NO Choir Practice	
Sun	1st Sep	8 am	BCP HC (1662)
		10 am	Celebrational Worship
Mon	2nd Sep	7.40 am	Morning Prayer
		8 am	Holy Communion (said)

OUR SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT - We want our church to be a safe place for everyone – a place where the love of God shines through all we do. Therefore, in accordance with the Government, the Church of England, the Charity Commission and our insurance company, our workers/volunteers are safely recruited (including DBS check if legally eligible), regularly trained and we adhere to Diocesan Safeguarding Policies. Our Safeguarding Officer is Steff Nash please speak to him if you have any questions or concerns or contact him on safeguarding@kestonparishchurch.org.uk

WELCOME to this service today, especially if you are a visitor. Hope you leave feeling blessed and minded to come again. When Holy Communion is offered, everyone is welcome at the Lord's table. Communion by Intinction and Common Cup, are both offered. Please follow the guidance of the sidespeople. If you would prefer a blessing, please bring your service booklet with you.

If you use a hearing aid, please put it to the "T" setting. Large print copies of the service are available – please ask.

1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH SERVICE is Celebrational Worship and is a Service of the Word, including contemporary hymns and songs, it is intergenerational and suitable for all the family. Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits are offered after the service. All are very welcome. Bring a friend.

PRAYER WALKS – Every 1st Tuesday & 3rd Wednesday of the month 6th & 21st Aug, then 3rd & 18th September. Please come along with or without a dog, and enjoy a good chatter, then stop, reflect and pray. We assemble at 9.30 am on Commonsides on the green near the Greyhound Pub, and usually end up at/in Heathfields at 11ish to have a 'cuppa'.

HEALING & WHOLENESS ON 3RD SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE – On the third Sunday of each month, (**18th August & 15th September**) just after taking Communion, go through to the foyer where church members will be happy to pray with and for you.

MEN'S PUB SOCIAL – Every 3rd Wednesday of the month 21st August, then 18th September at the Greyhound pub.

CHURCH SOCIALS – Please note: the date of the next Church get together is **Tuesday 13th August at Holwood Farm Café @ 12.30 pm**; then Wed 25th September at the Greyhound @ 7 pm; then Tue 5th November at the Fox @ 7 pm.

NEW FROM MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER!!!!- MORNING PRAYER @ 7.40am and @ 8 am A said (1/2 hour) Communion Service will be offered **each Monday**. This is to pray for the needs of our Parish, its Church and its Community. Please do pop by on your way to work, a good start to the week as we place our week in God's hands. There is a free car park while you attend. All are very welcome.

INVITATION !!!! - TEA & CAKES AT THE RECTORY!!! – Sunday 25th August 3 pm – 5pm. Natasha and Belinda would love to see you and to thank you for making us feel so welcome. Please do come and enjoy a cuppa and some fellowship.

READING & INTERCESSING IN THE SERVICE - These are key tasks in any service which help people to connect with God and facilitates their worship. If you would like to read or offer intercessions at any of the services, please let me know. **Training and guidance will be offered for all readers and intercessors in September.** We are hoping to put the rota for starting in September by the middle of August.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS – These are important landmarks in the life of any family. Your Parish Church is here to mark these important times with you. Baptisms, also called christenings can be conducted at any age – please ask. Confirmation is the next step if you were baptised as a child or an infant. It is usually offered just after you start Secondary School and is when you make the promises for yourselves. Don't worry if you have passed that age, God always welcomes you. If you get baptised as an adult, you will usually be invited to be confirmed at the same time. Please speak to the Rector, Reverend Belinda on 01689 853186 or by email rector@kestonparishchurch.org.uk regarding any of the above

CONFIRMATION CLASSES – Preparation for confirmation involves a little preparation of around six hours, when you get a general understanding of the faith you are professing. These are led by church leaders and can be tailored to suit you. There is an opportunity for confirmation in Late September or October. Please do ask (as above) as soon as possible if you would like to be christened and confirmed or to just be confirmed if you are already baptised.

BASIC FIRST AID – Thank you to those that have expressed an interest. I am currently looking for the best value training course that gives us what we need. I will be in touch again shortly – Revd. Belinda

BACK TO SCHOOL SERVICE on Sunday 8th September @ 3 pm – for anyone starting or returning to school, college or university and for their families and friends and for the whole community. We will pray for God to go with you. If you wish you may wear your school uniform or bring along your bag of books for the year. We will bless your new start. Refreshments will be available after the service.

4th August – 10th Sunday after Trinity

**Lord of heaven and earth,
As Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
Give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
But always to bring our prayers before you;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Ephesians 4: 1 – 16; John 6: 24 -35 (NLT Bible)

11th August – 11th Sunday after Trinity

**God of glory, the end of our searching,
Help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking
your kingdom, and to give all that we have
To gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Ephesians 4: 25 – 5: 1 – 2; John 6: 35, 41 - 51 (NRSV Bible)

18th August – 12th Sunday after Trinity

**God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us:
Remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Ephesians 5: 15 – 20; John 6: 51 – 58 (NRSV)

25th August - 13th Sunday after Trinity

**Father, by the obedience of Jesus
You brought salvation to our weary world:
Draw us into harmony with your will,
That we may find our world restored in him,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Ephesians 6: 10 – 20; John 6.56 – 69 (NRSV)