



# Notices

for the week commencing  
**2nd May 2021**

*Good morning, everyone!*

## **Building status**

Thanks to the work of a small team, we have established the church building as a *Covid-19 Secure* environment. Under present restrictions it can be used for certain specific purposes, subject to the now familiar special conditions to reduce the risk of spreading the virus, including wearing face coverings and being seated apart. However, until at least 16th May our Sunday worship services will be via Zoom only.

## **Worship services**

Today our online service at 10.30am will be led by **Paul Murphy**. You are warmly welcome to join via Zoom.

If you are not able to join this service, you can catch up with an audio recording on our website, or share in fellowship, prayer and worship at home in many other ways. Details of radio and TV programmes, prayers, reflections and other helpful information can be found on the Staines and Feltham Methodist Circuit website, [www.sfmc.org.uk](http://www.sfmc.org.uk), and new material appears regularly.

Next Sunday, **9 May**, we welcome **Sheila Hassan** to conduct our service at 10.30am. All are welcome to join via Zoom.

**Joining our service via Zoom** If you have a desktop, laptop, tablet or smartphone with internet access you can join our services after installing the free Zoom video-calling software. As well as going online, it is also possible to join, without video, via a normal telephone call. We manage this using a list of participants to whom we send out invite details by email and telephone. If you wish to add your name to the list please let our co-ordinator, Roz Sendorek (email [roz.sendorek@btinternet.com](mailto:roz.sendorek@btinternet.com)), know at least the day before. For technical assistance, please contact Matt Sendorek (details overleaf).

## **Coffee and Chat**



After the Sunday service, the Zoom call continues for people to greet each other and enjoy *Coffee and Chat*. To make proper conversation easier, everyone on the call is assigned randomly to one of five virtual chat rooms. In your smaller group, you can chat to folk you know and introduce yourself to any you don't. After 30 minutes these rooms close, and everyone still on the call will be back together. You can return from your chat room to the main area (choose *Leave Breakout Room*) or exit from the whole call (choose *Leave Meeting*) at any time, but why not stay, relax and perhaps make new friends?

## **Church activities**

Most other regular activities at the church remain suspended. This includes the weekly Choir practice on Wednesdays, Thursday Lunch, Minnows toddler and carer group on Fridays, and Saturday morning coffee. However, our monthly Messy Church has now restarted on Zoom – see overleaf.

## **Hirers**

Our hall and rooms are presently available only for meetings or lettings by qualified support groups and educational bodies, under special conditions to reduce the risk of spreading the virus.

## **Keyholders**

Any other user with independent access who needs to enter the building is politely requested to observe the notices on display, and make sure they record their visit in the book provided or via email.

## **Church, Social Responsibility and Good Neighbour Notices**

### **Doria Anne Nicholson**

It is with sadness I write to let you know that Doria Anne Nicholson died suddenly on Friday 23rd April at the age of 84. Doria, known to most of us as Anne, joined the Church just a few years ago with her husband, Ron. Together, Anne and Ron took an active role in the life of the Church from the moment that they joined, and she will be greatly missed. The funeral will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on Monday 17th May at 3pm. Due to current restrictions it is not yet clear who may be able to attend, but we will let you know once this information is available. Please remember Ron and his family in your prayers.

*Andrew Reed*

### **Messy Church – Saturday 8 May**

We are delighted to say that Messy Church has now resumed on the second Saturday of each month via Zoom. Our May Messy Church is on Saturday 8th May and is looking at The Ascension. The programme is now organised, and we are in the midst of gathering all the materials needed for the activities. We so hope it won't be too long before we can once again meet face-to-face but it has been so good to reconnect with some of our Messy Church and Minnows families. If any of your grandchildren or families you know would like to join our Messy Church community, please let me know at [avrilpye@btinternet.com](mailto:avrilpye@btinternet.com) and I will be delighted to add them to the group.

*Avril Pye*

### **Manna**

Current shortages are on our website: [https://www.mannafoodbank.co.uk/latest\\_shortages](https://www.mannafoodbank.co.uk/latest_shortages), and always available online, so please do check regularly for updates. Thank you all so much for your continued support.

*Manna Food Bank*



### **Reminder – Canaan is open**

We are now open to the public from Monday to Saturday from 11am to 4pm. Our free local delivery service still operates for those unable to visit, and we aim to have the best prices on all Christian resources, including Bibles, books, Sunday school teaching aids, children's resources, CDs, cards and gifts – just phone (01784 457194) or email ([info@canaanbookshop.co.uk](mailto:info@canaanbookshop.co.uk)). For further details and special offers see our website, <https://www.canaanchristianministries.co.uk/>. Thank you for your much needed continuing support, and we look forward to seeing you again soon!

*Barry Mockford*

### **Prayer request**

Juliet would like your prayers for the family. Her sister in Australia has passed away.

#### **Current restrictions on worship services**

*Current regulations permit us to hold worship services in the church if we follow all the conditions necessary to make it Covid-19 Secure.*

*However, it is more straightforward for those concerned with arranging services if their pattern is stable from week to week. Therefore, to reduce to a minimum the risk of resuming regular worship in the church before a further re-tightening of restrictions could still be needed, the Covid support team has decided that no more in-person worship services will be held in the church before 17th May.*

*Sunday morning services will continue via Zoom, following the Preaching Plan as far as possible.*

*We look forward to being able to re-instate regular worship in our Covid-19 Secure environment as soon as we can, and in-person Sunday morning services may be able to resume on 23rd May if progress with reducing virus transmission and infection continues. The Covid support team continues to keep the situation under review and will announce its decision in these Notices.*

The Stewards