



BROMLEY AND SHEPPARD'S COLLEGES WEEKLY HERALD



9 MAY 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Frank and Alf grateful Spinoni's on the Isle of Man!!

At times, our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us." – Albert Schweitzer

Weekly diary

When	Service	President	Reader	Intercessor
Sun 9	10am	David Darling		Valerie Pearce
Thurs 13 Ascension	10am	Chaplain		Richard Handforth
Fri 14 St Matthias	10am	Chaplain	Andrew Grant	
Thurs 13	10.30	Coffee on the lawn		

We pray for those worshipping in newly opened churches, online at home and outside.

Chaplain's notes

Chapel



The Worship Advisory Group (WAG) met on Friday 7 May to discuss the return to worship and events in the Chapel. John Bailey of Thomas Ford, the firm who prepared the Quinquennial in 2011, lifted the wooden covering on Thursday and revealed the Victorian heating ducts and original metal shutters and a Victorian coke can (!?) He suggested that after repairing the stonework and inserting a metal frame, we might consider something like a Fleur de Lys design to replace the plywood cover.

Books

Dorothy Nicholson is happy to continue to sell your once-loved books. She is asking for volunteers to take books that cannot be sold to a charity shop please contact her. Thank you!

Bin Store

The gang are busy creating the bin store. This was recommended by the collegian working party tasked with finding a better solution for the bins. The bin store will bring an end to clogging up escape routes, and taking hours of staff time!

The bin store at Sheppard's can still be used and there will be arrangements to collect waste from people who cannot carry it to the new bin store. Please let the office know. All those who can bring their waste to the bin store, please do so to take pressure off our willing but stretched staff team. You will notice that the Woodland Walk has been rerouted around the Well Head.

Bromley Little Theatre collaboration

Please let me know if you would like to be part of the planning committee for this event. It runs from the 20 to 24 July inclusive. There will be an evening performance of Midsummer Night's Dream, and musical performances. We can use the afternoons for other activities.

Back to Chapel

The WAG group recommend that we wait until the Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist on Thursday 24 June for our return to Chapel. We can then celebrate by worshipping in our own stalls. Keep praying that the roadmap continues according to plan. Services between now and then will remain outside.

Fire Wardens

The Fire Wardens met on Wednesday to debrief a fire alarm incident on 21 April while I was away.

New instructions will be circulated but there are two key changes: The Wardens will identify those who have evacuated and who is missing; no-one is to go into another person's flat.

We will meet on the Quad lawns to take the roll, and then, if necessary, move onto the North and South lawns. So when the fire alarm goes off evacuate your flat onto your Quad lawn. If it is a false alarm, the Wardens will tell you.

Chaplain away

I will be away from 14 (after the Celebration of Matthias) until Monday morning 17 May.

Chaplain

Lockdown easing roadmap

Full guidelines on <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Step 3 From 17 May

Rule of 6 indoors: pubs, restaurants, home entertainment.
Cinemas and theatres can reopen, accommodation for holidays.
Restricted Chapel opening with risk assessment

Step 4 From 21 June

Larger events, night clubs, no
legal limit on social numbers

Many of us are looking forward
to the possibility of travelling
further afield!



Fire alarm testing

Monday mornings – the 1st and 3rd of the month – at 10am. Please do not evacuate the building unless the alarm goes on for more than 30 seconds. If it does the threat is real – so evacuate!

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE

Acts 10.44-end

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.

Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Psalm 98

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Prayer list

Anglican Cycle	The Anglican Church of Kenya
Rochester cycle	Erith deanery The Rev Adam Foot, Area Dean; Mr Richard Percival, Lay Chair
College	Peter and Sue Morris and Aidan Harker
Community	The Justice System, Prison Chaplains Police Service
Collegians moved away	David and Diane Cossar, Pam Dawson, Frank and Yvonne Gough, Sarah Grove, John and Joyce Ilson, Charles Potter, Mary Watts, and Ken Hewitt
Those who are sick or have asked us to pray	Jenny Balmer, Matthew Coxen, June Dakin, Maureen Edmonds, Ron Emmett, Charlotte Gould, John Harris, Peter Hemming, Geoffrey Howard, Carol Latham, Margaret Mankey, Nigel McDougall, Paul and Jane Merrick, Aaron Roddan, Vic Shaw, Anne Townsend, Dominic Tye, Jo Walton, Liz Whiting and Julian White
Years Mind Anniversary	John Mankey and Margaret Craig
Those who have died	

Please ask for copy of complete prayer booklet. Please let Jo or the Chaplain know when to take someone off the prayer list.