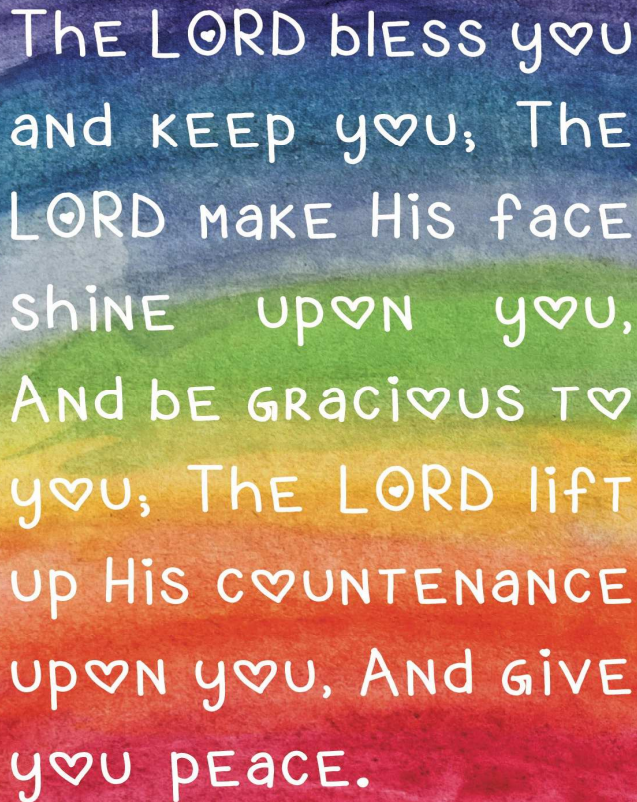


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Churches to reopen with restrictions

CHURCHES in England will be able to open their doors again on Saturday for private prayer and Funeral Services - but many could struggle to find people willing to open them and take on the responsibility for the new cleaning regimes.

The Ministry of Housing, Communities, and Local Government announced on Sunday that the decision had been made after meetings of the places-of-worship task force, which is chaired by the Communities Secretary, Robert Jenrick. The Government would continue to work with the task force, it said, “towards the full reopening of places of worship as soon as the scientific advice allows”.

The Government initially announced that places of worship would be permitted to open for private prayer from 15 June. Guidance updated on Friday, however, said that the date was 13 June.

Mr Jenrick said on Sunday: “This move recognises the spiritual and mental-health benefits for people being able to pray in their place of worship, and that for some people this cannot be replicated by praying at home.”

The Ministry defined individual prayer in a place of worship “as a person or household entering the venue to pray on their own and not as part of a group, led prayer or communal act. They should be socially distanced from other individuals or households.” Public worship, streamed or otherwise, is not permitted while visitors are in the building.

And on Tuesday, the House of Bishops agreed that funerals could take place again inside churches from 15 June. The decision was prompted by the continued reduction in death rates linked to Covid-19 and the pastoral needs of the bereaved.

The Bishop of London the Rt Revd Sarah Mullally, who chairs the Church of England’s Recovery Group, said that she was “only too aware that those who have lost loved ones have suffered most of all” during the pandemic.

Churches will not be compelled to open for either private prayer or funerals: the incumbent and PCC are to decide whether it is feasible. And, in both cases, detailed guidance has been issued concerning how to keep the church building clean and to maintain physical distancing, among other things.



Bishop Mullally said that it “recognises that the buildings themselves are important sacred spaces for people. . . We look forward to when it is safe for our church buildings once again to become meeting places for worship, prayer, and all they do to serve and bless their communities.”

A risk-assessment template issued by the C of E’s recovery group regarding the opening of churches for private prayer, for example, suggests numerous measures to prevent transmission of the coronavirus. These include one point of entry to the building, clearly identified; doors and windows opened to improve ventilation; hand sanitisers placed around the building; lavatory facilities given adequate supplies of soap and paper towels; and seating areas marked out to maintain physical distancing. The building should also be cleaned before and after general use.

It is not clear, however, whether some of the volunteers on whom parish churches rely - “Generation A”: laywomen born in the 1920s and ’30s and now in their seventies, eighties, and nineties (Features, 23 June 2017) - will be available, given they are classified as in the “at risk” category.

Dr Abby Day, Professor of Race, Faith, and Culture in the Department of Sociology, Goldsmiths University of London, and the author of *The Religious Lives of Older Laywomen: The last active Anglican generation* (Oxford University Press, 2017) said this week that, before the pandemic, churches were “kept open during the week because of these people. . . Who is going to be keeping the doors open the day churches open for private prayer? In the past, on church-opening days, who is there? It’s the elderly ladies keeping them open.”

Many of the Generation A women would be inclined to help, as they had done in the past, Dr Day said; but they - and their families - would also harbour concerns about the health risks of doing so.

“A lot will feel a sense of independence and the need to get back into daily and weekly regimes, tempered by understandable responsibility for the wider community and their own health,” she said.

Many would be under pressure from their children - many of whom do not attend church regularly - to put their health before their voluntary commitments, Dr Day suggested.

The announcement that places of worship would be allowed to open for private prayer was welcomed by church leaders.



COVID-19 ADVICE ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION



The Recovery Group has been set up to support the Church of England as government guidance changes through the COVID-19 pandemic. This document has been prepared with information available by the issue date and is for planning purposes only until present restrictions are lifted. It will be kept under review and updated as the situation develops, with each update issued as a new version. The current version will always be available to download from the Church of England website via the Coronavirus FAQs page.

This advice note seeks to enable Holy Communion to be celebrated in a safe and appropriate way. It includes practical steps in the administration of Holy Communion, as well as guidance on the practice of Holy Communion provided by members of the Liturgical Commission and the Faith & Order Commission.

Where either priests or parishioners have concerns about participating in a service of Holy Communion, it is important that no pressure is placed on priests to celebrate Holy Communion or on parishioners to receive it. General advice on cleaning church buildings and on the conduct of public worship should also be observed.

Q. When can we celebrate Holy Communion with our congregations in church buildings?

A. This will only be possible once church buildings are re-opened for public worship.

Q. Are we able to share the Peace?

A. Unfortunately, in order to minimise risk, there should be no sharing of the Peace physically.

Q. What hygiene measures should the priest follow when preparing the elements?

A. The president (and anyone who prepares the elements) must sanitise their hands before touching the elements, and again after the president has administered them to him/herself and before offering the bread to communicants. If others assist in preparing the elements, then hand hygiene and physical distancing precautions should apply.

Q. What elements can be offered to communicants?

A. At present, Communion should be administered in one kind only with no sharing of the common cup. The president alone should always take the wine, consuming all that has been consecrated; other communicants should receive the bread only, in the hand. As the Liturgical and Faith and Order Commissions have made clear, this is still 'complete communion'.



In order to minimise overall risk, intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) should not be practised.

Q. When should the priest and communicants sanitize their hands?

A. The priest should sanitise his/her hands before administering the bread. Each communicant should also be encouraged to sanitise their hands before receiving the bread.

Q. Should the altar rails be used?

A. We suggest that in order to avoid touching it and to maintain physical distancing communicants should not come to kneel at the altar rail, but instead they should form a line maintaining two metres distance to receive the bread from the priest. The details of how this will be enacted will depend on the local situation, particularly the layout of the building.

Q. How can the priest maintain physical distancing when administering the bread?

A. We recognise that it will not be possible to maintain the normal two-metres distancing for the brief time that the priest administers the sacrament. However, the risk associated with this is relatively low. Some benefit might be gained, if face-coverings are worn or a form of separation such as a perspex screen is used (though as noted below, the evidence on face coverings is not strong).

Q. What about face coverings?

A. The evidence on face coverings is not strong and suggests that the benefit is not to the wearer but to others for any potential infection by the wearer. However, it is very possible that Government will advise that, as a precautionary measure, face coverings should be worn by both communicants and the priest when administering the sacrament.

Q. How can we clean the chalice and paten?

A. If the priest is the only person who will touch the chalice and paten both during the service and after, then they can be cleaned in the normal way.

If others may touch the chalice and/or paten, either during the service or after, then they should either be washed in warm water with liquid soap, or if this is not possible, stored safely on their own for at least 72 hours before using again, in case they have been infected with the virus.

Q. Can we reserve the Sacrament?

A. Churches which reserve the Sacrament may do so. The priest should place the hosts in the vessel for reservation. They should not be consumed or distributed for 72 hours by anyone other than the priest who reserved them.



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REV WILLIAM MASON 1725—1797

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In his paper on “Jonathan Gray and Church Music in York, 1770-1840”, Professor Nicholas Temperley of the University of Illinois writes “The story of the reform of church music in York goes back beyond Gray’s birth, to the appointment of William Mason as Precentor of York in 1762”.

“Mason, unlike most cathedral precentors, was an accomplished musician, and had strong progressive views about both cathedral and parochial music. In his essay ‘On Parochial Psalmody’ he sharply criticised the prevailing habit of leaving the choice and conduct of metrical psalms to the parish clerk, and the music in the hands of a self-appointed choir and band.

“Mason advocated unison singing in which all could easily join, with the accompaniment of an organ or barrel organ, the tunes to be sung faster than had been customary, and more rhythmically. He was not alone in these views, but he was able to put them into practice in his parish at Aston, where he personally taught



music to the choir. He had a 'favourite blacksmith' whom he 'taught to sing Marcello's Psalms like an angel'. The Aston church singers were also paid six shillings a year to 'encourage 'em to sing'. Sarah Siddons, a famous actress of the 18th century who visited Mason in his rectory, wrote in her journal about 'the most adored Parish Priest in the organ loft teaching the children some music for the next Sunday'.

We know that the music in Aston church involved the whole congregation. Rev. Richard Warner (1763-1853) a clergyman, writer and friend of Christopher Alderson, curate at Aston, visited Aston Church and wrote "Mr. Mason, a musician as well as a poet, had composed several simple, and solemn airs, which were pricked upon the barrel-organ; and had moreover, thrown portions of some of the Psalms of David, into his own beautiful versification; lowering the composition, however, to the level of the ordinary understanding.

A book containing these psalms was placed on every seat". This book was printed privately by Mason and was entitled "Psalms taken from the Old Version, Revised and Altered for the Use of the Parish of Aston, and Adapted to such Easy Tunes as may be sung by the whole Congregation".

In 1771 Mason appointed William Richardson as a vicar-choral of York Minster and he was given the curacy of the neighbouring church of St. Michael le Belfrey. Richardson had a fine singing voice and good musical ability.

In 1782 a barrel organ, made by Thomas Haxby of York, was installed in St. Michael le Belfrey. This was the first recorded use of a barrel organ in an English Church. Mason was very pleased with the effect and he had the organ moved to Aston and a new organ was installed in St. Michael le Belfrey.

In 1782 Mason edited a collection of Anthems for use in York Minster. It was re-published in 1794 and several times after his death and it was not until 1875, that it was replaced by a new collection. He also published several essays on English church music.

Mason's barrel-organ was removed from Aston Church after his death in 1797 but it, or a similar one, was installed in 1826 and remained until the general church restoration of 1858-63.

Ann Key Aston-cum-Aughton History Group



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Our church is run by the Parochial Church Council of All Saints Aston, which comprises elected members of the Congregation, Clergy and Licensed Lay members. The PCC meets every month to discuss our finances and how our money should be spent to benefit and improve our church.

These meetings cover matters from the day to day running of our church, to the safety of every person who enters our church, and the ongoing repairs and maintenance needed to ensure our church is fit for purpose.

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About 700AD the people of Aston embraced Christianity and built a church: probably of wattle and wood. After the Norman Conquest in 1066 the Norman Lord erected a Hall and rebuilt the Church in Stone.

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our Church will continue into the future**



Beware the spell-checker on your special service sheets!

The Rectory
St James the Least



My dear Nephew Darren,

When producing material for your magazine or church services, beware the computer spell-checker. We once let our own system check a Christmas carol sheet and, on the night, found ourselves obliged to sing “away in a manger”, managers apparently being unknown to our machine.

If you use special sheets regularly, it seems a law of nature – as with metal coat hangers - that they all intermingle while no one is watching. Thus, on Easter Day, half the congregation will have been issued with sheets for Harvest, which will only become obvious once the service begins. The first hymn will be entirely lost while sidesmen scuttle about looking for replacements only to find that there won't be enough of them anyway and then the second hymn will be lost while others helpfully wander about church donating their sheets to those looking helpless and then trying to find someone to share with.

Never, ever, print on them ‘Do not take home’ as this will only ensure everyone does so. I have sometimes wondered if the instruction ‘Take this sheet home for reference’ would ensure that they stayed neatly arranged in the pews after the service. And if it is a service where babies are likely to be present, be assured that many of the copies will be returned half chewed and coated with bits of whatever the infant had for breakfast. There must be a market for paper treated with a child-repellent flavour for such occasions.

Anyone who thinks we are an unimaginative nation should visit a church after a special service to see how many places members of congregations can invent to hide the booklets: under kneelers, neatly folded and hidden inside hymn books, among flower arrangements and behind heating pipes so that no one can quite reach them. They then lurk there reproachfully for the next ten years until mice solve the problem.

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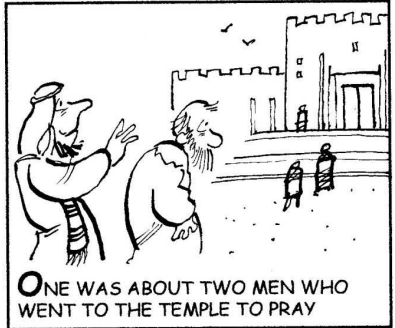
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**JESUS OFTEN TOLD
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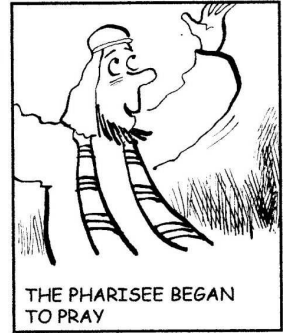


**ONE WAS ABOUT TWO MEN WHO
WENT TO THE TEMPLE TO PRAY**



**ONE WAS A PHARISEE
(A MAN A BIT LIKE A PRIEST)**

**THE OTHER WAS A TAX
COLLECTOR. (NOT A POPULAR
MAN IN JESUS' DAY!).**



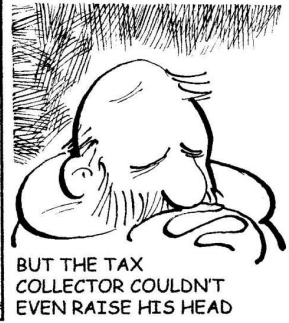
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**WHAT A GREAT CHAP I
AM! I NEVER DO
ANYTHING WRONG!!**



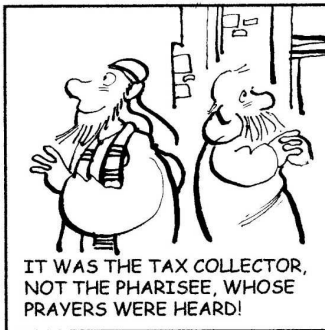
**I AM SO PLEASED WITH MYSELF,
ESPECIALLY AS I AM NOT A SCOUNDREL,
LIKE THIS TAX COLLECTOR!**



**BUT THE TAX
COLLECTOR COULDN'T
EVEN RAISE HIS HEAD**



**DEAR GOD... I AM VERY SORRY!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR
ALL THE WRONG THINGS
I HAVE DONE.**



**IT WAS THE TAX COLLECTOR,
NOT THE PHARISEE, WHOSE
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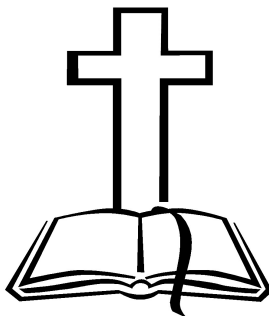
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And His precious,
Faith-affirming
Gift of peace.

By Daphne Kitching



From the Registers



Due to the Government's Guidelines on Lockdown
there have been no Baptisms or Funerals
at All Saints Church during April 2020

Lo, I am with you always

Wide fields of corn along the valleys spread;
The rain and dew mature the swelling vine;
I see the Lord in multiplying bread;
I see Him turning water into wine;
I see Him working all the works divine
He wrought when Salem-ward His steps were led;
The self-same miracles around Him shine;
He feeds the famished; He revives the dead;
He pours the flood of light on darkened eyes;
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From a poem by John Charles Earle (1749 – 1818)



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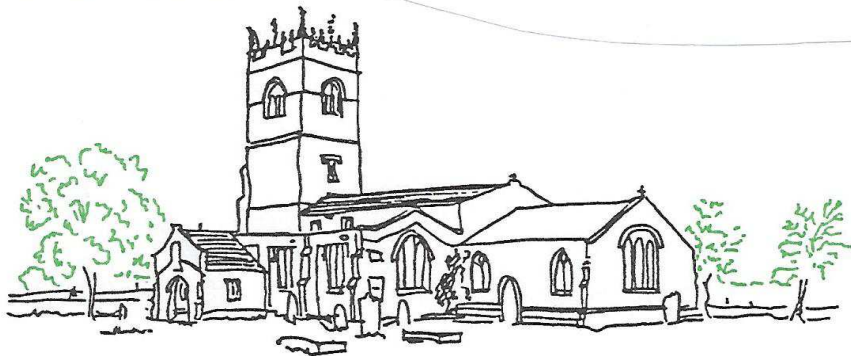
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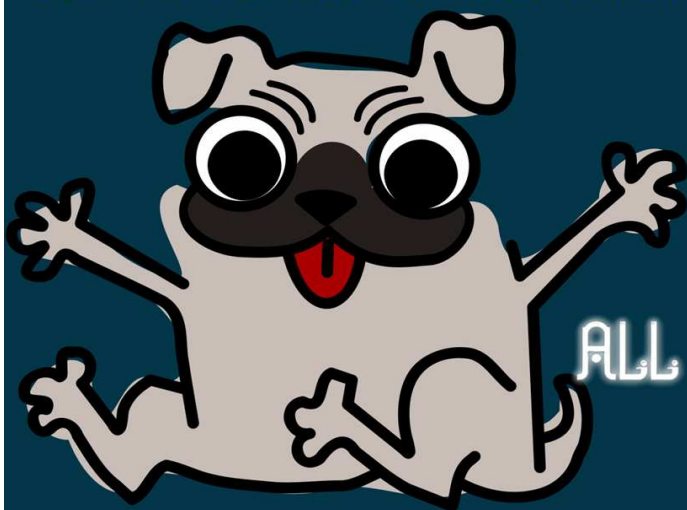
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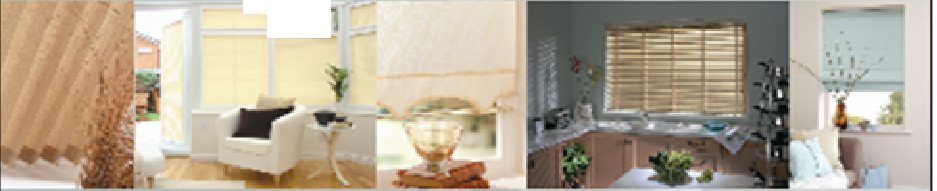


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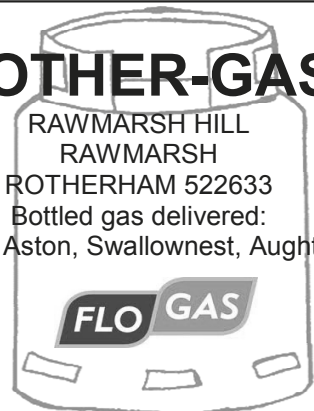
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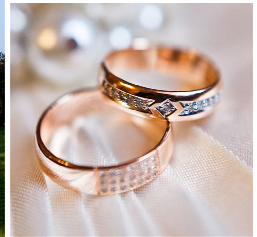
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