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After so many months of looking up the data and following the regulations, it will, in some respects be good to get to the latest date of July 19th, when we expect restrictions to be lifted.

However, I imagine that some of us are a bit cautious about what that may mean for us. When we go into church after the restrictions are lifted, we will still be extremely careful in our procedures. We are planning to put more chairs back into church but there will be fewer chairs and more space than there was pre-covid. We can also have a choice about whether or not we wear our masks.

All being well, on **22nd July** we will meet together in Church at 7.30 pm for our first open meeting since the pandemic, to which the whole Church is invited. This will be your chance to hear about the plans going forward for services, and to talk together about the best way of organising our church life and the working groups needed to support this.

We will arrange the church so that we can discuss this in small groups of 6. I do hope that you will be able to come to this meeting as knowing your thoughts is what helps us to plan for the future. If you have anything you would like to add to the discussions but can't come yourself, please pass that on to someone who is attending, or to me. Please let the office know by **Thursday 15th July** if you are able to attend the meeting as this will help with our preparations.

We will know more about the regulations before 22nd July, and if necessary, we will postpone the evening as it is much better for us to get together in person.

Please take some time to pray about this meeting. We thank God for his love and care of each one of us, and we pray for the creativity and willingness to support, and contribute to, God's vision for the Church in Verwood. Thank you for your part in this.

With love,

Deborah



Our new evening service Together @ Six will be starting on **September 12th at 6 pm** in church (yes, the time is in the name!) It will aim to be an informal service, beginning with a time of worship led by the band, followed by a talk and time for prayer.

At Together on Zoom over the past year we have very much appreciated 'breakout rooms', where we have met in small groups of two or three to discuss and share around questions arising from the theme of the evening. We hope to give opportunities for discussion and sharing to continue as we meet together in church.

At our next planning meeting we will be deciding on themes to follow in the autumn - if anyone has any ideas about topical issues they would like to be considered from a biblical perspective, please let us know (you can email me at hanksweed@gmail.com).

Please also consider whether you would be able to support the service in some way e.g. doing a reading, welcoming people into church, providing refreshments once we are allowed to chat over a cup of coffee again!

We look forward to joining with you in this new venture of learning and growing together in faith, Sue Hancock

Children & Families Worker

Part-Time, Fixed Term, 2-year post to start
in September 2021

£8,000 per annum 15 hours per week to include Sundays.
Flexible working required.

St Michael's and All Angels, Verwood, has an exciting opportunity for a motivated and gifted individual to be our Children's and Families Worker. This role will be based at St Michael's Church Parish Office in Verwood.

For further details email: stmichaelsverwood@gmail.com
Or visit: www.st-michael.org.uk



St. Michael's, Verwood
& All Saints, Three Legged Cross



Save The Date! Parish Cream Tea—Saturday 31st July

We are planning to hold a Cream Tea in the Parish Centre on **Saturday 31st July at 2pm**—so save the date! Further information will follow over the next couple of weeks.

We have already had donations from **“Do It For Others” Cream Tea** events that have taken place—thank you!

Many thanks in advance. Ro Green

Accounts Update

Now that we are half-way through 2021, our Treasurer, Neil Gibson has been working hard to provide us with the figures to show how we are doing.

You will see from Neil’s report below that we are struggling financially. This is due to various factors including the effect of the pandemic, which has decreased our ability to hire out the parish centre and dramatically reduced our rental income. Our ability to hold fund raising events has also been limited. So, I do encourage you to help with that by holding cream teas for church funds.

Ideally, we should be able to pay for the church from our donations, but as in many other churches of our size, that is not always possible. However, we can help the situation by ensuring that we give regularly and are as generous as is sensible given our own particular circumstances.

I am glad to report that we are extremely careful with our expenditure and keep it as low as possible. As you are aware, our major outgoing is our Parish Share which goes to the Diocese, to provide for the clergy.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you all very much for the financial support that you provide for the church here in Verwood. Let us pray that in time we will be able to produce a healthier bank balance.

Deborah

From the Treasurer – Year to date Accounts—1 January – 30 June 2021

Total Income	£55,418	Total Expenditure	£74,053
Restricted Income	£4,546	Restricted Expenditure	£11,863

The difference between Restricted Income and Expenditure is a loss of £7,317. This is expected and is not a concern.

However, the overall operating loss of £11,319 means as a Church we are spending £1,886 more each month than we earn. Our cash reserves are rapidly draining away.

Neil Gibson

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**JULY
ZOOM**

Neighbourhood Watch Network is a charity registered in England & Wales, CIO no: 1173349

The webinars are **FREE** to attend and are open to anyone who would like to know more about scams, the **psychology behind scams**, **prevention** and **how a fraud case is investigated**.

The webinars bring together **experts** in their field relating to online fraud, a topic which we are all too familiar with and can affect anyone and everyone, as our lives are played out more digitally.

The dates of the webinars and their topics are as follows:

6th July, 5pm

[Exploring the psychology behind scams and how scammers are so effective at their crimes](#)

Paul Maskell, Fraud & Cyber Crime Prevention Manager, Dedicated Card and Payment Crime Unit (DCPCU)

14th July, 5pm

[Insights into how a fraud case is investigated and how not to be the next victim](#)

Ben Hobbs, Detective Sergeant; and Catriona Still, Head of Fraud Prevention & Training, Dedicated Card and Payment Crime Unit (DCPCU)

23rd July 5pm

[Scams awareness training from the Friends Against Scams initiative](#)

The National Trading Standards Scams Team (NTSST)

30th July, 5pm

[Don't get hooked by scammers! What you need to know about flubot and phishing scams](#)

Christopher Budd, Senior Global Threat Communications Manager, Avast

How to book your place

You can click on the links within this message on each of the webinars topics to register your place or you can go to www.ourwatch.org.uk/webinars and click on the webinar that you wish to attend, you can attend all of them if you wish and so make sure that you complete the registration page for each of them.

Saying Goodbye to the Bishop

Bishop Nicholas retires on 3rd July after ten years' faithful service to us. You can leave a public message of thanks or farewell via the Diocesan website by [clicking here](#). A number of messages have already been left. These will be given to the Bishop and Helen before they leave, so they can view them at their leisure.

We at St. Michael's are arranging a collection for the Bishop. Please bring your donations to church in an envelope clearly marked 'for the Bishop' and leave them on the collection plate or forward your donations to the Parish Office by **Sunday 18th July**.

Age Concern—Volunteers Needed

Age Concern is still struggling for volunteers. New premises have been found but there is a dire need for volunteers.

Do you think that you could volunteer to be a helper, escort or driver (you must be under 70 years old to volunteer as a driver)?

Previously when we have asked our congregation many came forward – in fact there were almost as many from our church as others from throughout Verwood!

If you think that you could help, then please contact Roger Johnson on 01202 825903.



As more of us are online shopping, please consider using www.easyfundraising.org.uk

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You can now support our church whilst shopping online at Amazon Smile.

Shop at smile.amazon.co.uk. Choose Verwood PCC as your favourite charity. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases.

A 'Thank you'...

Carol Allen has written to express her thanks to everyone for making John's funeral such a special occasion.

She writes:

'Your prayers and cards were so much appreciated and the cards were so complimentary about John.'

'My family was so impressed and delighted with the friendliness and warm welcome they received. The flowers were beautiful and thank you for the music.'

Calendar of Services for July



Sunday 4th July
5th after Trinity

Sunday 11th July
6th after Trinity

Sunday 18th July
7th after Trinity

Sunday 25th July
8th after Trinity—James the Apostle

Baptisms in July

Finley Stewart Judd

Services in Church

We will continue to invite you to attend services again as we did before. We are eagerly awaiting more information about the lifting of the current restrictions and how this will affect the numbers allowed!

However if your circumstances have changed and you would either like to attend when you didn't previously, or you no longer wish to attend, then please get in touch with the Parish Office (preferably via email at stmichaelsverwood@gmail.com) so that we can update our records.

We will continue to livestream our services each Sunday on Facebook and they will be available afterwards on YouTube and our website.

Together on Zoom in July

TOGETHER
ON ZOOM



Sunday 11th July
Sunday 25th July

Follow this link between 4.45pm & 5pm to join us.

us02web.zoom.us/j/87280074630

Privacy Notice

Live Streaming of Public Worship

Please be aware that there will be a camera in church to enable us to broadcast the 10.00am Sunday services.

Our Live Streaming is widely publicised, and the congregation are asked to contact a member of the clergy, churchwarden or the Parish Office if they do not wish to be filmed. We will ensure that we adhere to Safeguarding Practices at all time.

We will all need to adhere to the Government and Public Health England guidelines at all times. For the purposes of the NHS Track and Trace system, we will be keeping a written record of who attends the service each week.

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