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Together Online and AGM

Zoë Brooks, Company Secretary, reports:

When I issued a notification that the Council had reluctantly decided to abandon the idea of a physical Conference I said that the legal part, the actual AGM, had to be a physical meeting. The Government has now passed legislation that allows us to hold the AGM by electronic means. As a result of this we will now have a Zoom meeting on Wednesday 29 July and the morning of Thursday 30 July which will include all the business that has to be dealt with at an AGM as well as the Together Online activities. Papers relevant to the AGM will be issued shortly and will include a programme of Zoom events.

Thank You

Tonia Jarvis writes:

I would like to say a huge Thank You to the Worship Team of four ministers who have provided us with a weekly Zoom Service for the past twelve weeks, while Churches have been closed due to the Coronavirus

pandemic.

I'm sure this has been an arduous task for the Team, both with the technology involved and the content each week. I understand that there are limitations with Zoom on all manner of things - for example, copyright licences, YouTube restrictions, and technical issues. The Team seems to have researched and overcome these issues admirably.

They have attempted something new in order to give us all a sense of worshipping together, albeit in our own homes instead of in a church building. What's more, it has enabled many other people, who are distant from our churches, to join in New Church worship.

Having been a Worship Leader, I know how much work goes into producing a church service. When sharing a service, there has to be a lot of co-ordination on content and timing etc., and I can't imagine how much time the team has had to spend co-ordinating something like this every week. I'm sure it must have taken up an enormous amount of time and energy. .

Now that lockdown restrictions are being lifted, and churches can open again from July 4th, the Ministers will be having to consider what they do for their own local congregations along with other commitments. I am most grateful that, at present, they feel they can still offer a Zoom service of worship for us on a fortnightly basis.

Thanks, then, to Jack Dunion, Christine Bank, Becky Jarratt and Alison Southcombe.



Purley Chase Centre - Letter to Guests

Rachel Gilsenan, Centre Manager, writes:



We are delighted to be re-opening soon (1st September) and cannot wait to welcome you back to Purley Chase. We hope you and your families are all well and are emerging from lockdown in good spirits with your sanity intact. Hospitality is the cornerstone on which Purley has built its reputation and we will continue to offer a very warm and friendly welcome whilst taking the following responsible and common-sense measures to minimise risks to staff and guests alike.

We have a very high standard of cleanliness and housekeeping and we use cleaning products effective against COVID-19 and have increased the disinfecting schedules for common surfaces. Within the bedrooms we have introduced an enhanced check-out cleaning procedure and will endeavour to leave a minimum 24 hours between room lettings and will also provide disinfectant wipes for guest's peace of mind.

New procedures have been introduced to minimise contact, with movement around the building working in a clockwise motion using the stairs and signage. Sanitising hand gel is available as guests enter Purley and throughout their stay with stations at key points around the building.

Screens have been erected at reception and within the dining room as protection for both staff and guests alike. Services we would usually consider as standard might be changed for the safety of staff and guests and continuously monitored.

We will not be accepting walkers whilst groups are staying to ensure guest numbers within the building are controlled at all times.

Seating and table arrangements in the dining room and public areas have been rearranged to maximise social distancing. Outdoor dining will be encouraged - we can also offer seating on the decking area.

Staff and guests can be checked with a digital non-contact thermometer and personal protective equipment is always available to the staff and guests.

We look forward to seeing you soon and thank you for your continuing support.

With best wishes

Rachel Gilsenan - Centre Manager

Gemma McLean adds (taken from Purley Chase Centre Facebook page):

Although Purley has been closed, Rachel has been hard at work inside Purley as well as in the gardens. Here are a couple of pictures of the newly decorated Dining Room.



Online Worship After Lockdown

Revd Becky Jarratt writes:

As lockdown seems to be easing, churches will be in a position where they can legally open for worship again very soon. There are, of course, some limitations as to how we can worship, and some churches may wish to wait and open at a later date.

This time of lockdown has helped us to find new ways in which to worship, including the Zoom services that we have shared. Keeping up a weekly service is not sustainable in the long term, particularly with some of the work we could not do during lockdown opening up again. We are grateful to those who have offered to help in any way, and hope that if you would like to contribute, you would let us know.

We appreciate that we have only just asked you to complete one survey, but as things are changing so quickly at the moment we would like to have your opinions and feelings about worshipping online so that we know where to place our energy in the future.

Please complete the survey by 9th July, when it will close. You are asked to put your name - you can skip this question if you prefer.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RLJ2C75>

Looking forward to reading your responses.

Becky - on behalf of the Online Worship Team - Jack, Alison, Christine and Becky

Family Services

Jenny Jones writes:



The Youth and Family Team welcome everyone to their next two zoom family services.

- Sunday 12th July at 10.30am for a 10.45am start
- Sunday 9th August at 3.15pm for a 3.30pm start



Leven Lockdown Radio

Revd Becky Jarratt reports:

Last week our Spiritual Leader, Revd Jack Dunion, broadcast his first radio show. It was a mixture of songs, hymns and nuggets of New Church teaching in simple language. It was a truly humbling experience to hear Jack talking in ways that would mean the world to those who have been suffering during lockdown, and suggestions on how to improve their relationships with others and with the Lord. It is pre-recorded, so if you wanted to make a request, contact Jack the week before to see if he can fit it in. If you are free this Sunday at 9am, I'd highly recommend tuning in!

<http://levenlockdownradio.online/>

