Change to the Daily Eucharist services

It is hoped to resume the Daily Eucharist at 12.45 p.m. in St Ann’s Church in September on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays each week.

Prayers for Healing, with the Laying on of Hands, will continue to be said on Tuesdays when we will be joined by stewards from the Church’s Ministry of Healing.

If you happen to find yourself in the city centre at lunchtimes Tuesday to Thursday, please do come along.

Grief and Covid-19

Churches can help break the silence around domestic abuse and coercive control and transform their local communities for those experiencing abuse. This was one of the key messages from the first of a series of Conversations about Mission organised by Dublin and Glendalough Council for Mission. Participants in this first online event were addressed by Jacqui Armstrong, Faith and Policy Coordinator with Mothers’ Union, and Kelley Bermingham, Community Officer with St Patrick’s Cathedral, Dublin.

Jacqui Armstrong highlighted global statistics around gender based violence which find that one in three women worldwide have experienced domestic or sexual abuse. In Ireland, she said, one in five women and one in seven men experience abuse.

The next Conversation about Mission is entitled ‘Invisible Pain – how to reach those experiencing grief during Covid - 19’. It will feature the Rev’d Lesley Robinson of the Dublin Bereavement Group and takes place on June 16 on Zoom.

Log in details are available from The Vicar.

Flowers for church

Anyone who would be willing to donate fresh flowers for the sanctuary in either church, for any given Sunday, is asked to contact Tanya Sewell or The Vicar.

We are open again!

After almost six long months of lockdown, St Ann’s Church has re-opened for services and to visitors. Sunday Service, alternately Holy Communion and Matins, is at 11am. St Stephen’s Church is open on the first Sunday of the month, also at 11am.

St Ann’s Church is now also open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11am to 2pm for private prayer and visitors. The Select Vestry will review the opening hours as the various restrictions, associated with the Coronavirus pandemic, continue to be relaxed.

Photographed, on his first day back since Christmas, is right, Mr Fred Deane, our caretaker who is delighted to be back at his post.

The Daily Eucharist will not recommence, at the earliest, until after the summer months in September.

While numbers visiting have been small it is hoped that, as tourists return to the city, footfall will increase. One thing is for sure, they can be assured of a very warm welcome in St Ann’s!

It is very good to have the shops open again and to see the city slowly return to some semblance of normality after such a long period of closure.
St Ann’s Conversations

EXPLORING THE BIG QUESTIONS
Informal Discussions on Aspects of Our Christian Faith

During the past few months, a number of parishioners have been meeting on Zoom on Wednesday nights to discuss issues relating to our Christian faith. The format is simple: informal conversations with probing questions, though no pressure to contribute, such as:

- “What does the notion of ‘God’ mean to us in our current time and context?”
- “What is prayer, does it do anything, is it worth engaging in?”
- “What role does religion play in death and dying?”
- “What is spirituality, particularly within the context of Anglicanism?”

And discussions on topics such as:
- Religion in art & literature
- Religion in history
- Religion in music
- Meditation
- The Bible

The call usually lasts just over an hour and has been hugely interesting. We plan to break for the months of July and August and resume again in September. If anyone would like to join the conversations in the month of June, please get in touch with Lynn Mills who will give you the Zoom log in details or be in touch in September.

Can you help Ahli Hospital in Gaza?

The recent situation in the Holy Land has put huge pressure on hospitals, including Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza city which is run by our partners in the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. Dublin & Glendalough has previously supported Al Ahli Hospital by raising funds to refurbish its on-call facilities for staff and for solar panels. Now the diocese is seeking your support again and asking for donations to the hospital over the next few weeks.

The newly installed Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, the Most Revd Hosam Naoum, appealed for support for the hospital. He said: “The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem is continuing its Christian mission of bringing healing to the wounded, relief to those who have lost their homes and livelihoods and comfort to those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza has been on the frontlines of these relief efforts, becoming a beacon of hope to those trying to remain alive under such dire circumstances.” Archbishop Naoum said the hospital is in desperate need of funds for fuel for its generators and to purchase emergency medicine and supplies.

Dublin and Glendalough Council for Mission is coordinating the fundraising drive for Al Ahli Hospital until June 11. During that time donations can be made securely by card via the Christ Church Cathedral website at: https://christchurchcathedral.ie/al-ahli/

Livestreaming of church services

Sunday service from St Ann’s Church continues to be broadcast live on YouTube every Sunday at 11am. A simple search of YouTube will take you to the broadcast or it can also be accessed through our website: www.stann.dublin.anglican.org and clicking on the ‘View Our Livestream’ link at the top of the home page.

Many positive comments have been received about the services and it is good to include those who, as yet, feel unable to return to church.

The Kids’ Club are planning to meet, outside, at Bushy Park, Terenure, on Saturday 26th June at 2.30 p.m. Parents are asked to let Rebekah Fozzard know if they plan to be present.

Safeguarding Trust refresher training for volunteer assistants with the Kids’ Club will take place on Zoom on June 17th at 8pm. Log-in details available from Rebekah or Olive Good.