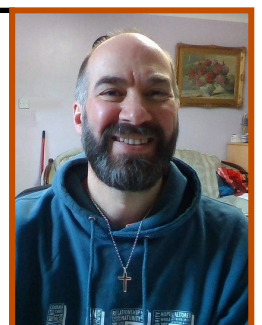


# THE LINK

*With St Leonard's in Swithland  
November 2020*



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## Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

This month, I have asked my wife Liz to share something with you. I hope you like what she has to say and will be willing to accept her challenge.



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The other day I was watching a video message from our New Wine Local Regional Director and something he said has really resonated with me. He said we should not be practicing 'social distancing'.

Don't panic, he did not mean that we should be getting close to each other and ignoring the guidelines. It is important that we follow the Covid-19 rules and keep 2 metres from those we do not live or bubble with to protect us and them from the virus.

What he was suggesting was that we should be 'physically distant' from one another, not 'socially distant'.

We need to stay **Physically Distanced** and **Socially Connected**.

As the days get colder and the nights darker it is going to get harder for us all living under the restrictions, which could get tighter as cases grow. At a time when so many in our communities are already feeling isolated, alone and scared of what the next few months will bring it is vital that we make the effort to stay connected with them and each other. I am challenging all of us (me included) to:

1. Choose six people and make a point of contacting them regularly. You may want to phone or video call them each week or suggest going on a physically distanced walk together or meet up over zoom to play a game.
2. Choose six people and pray for them each week. Pray that they will know the love of Jesus and feel him close to them.

Let us make sure that whilst we are maintaining physical distance from each other we are staying socially connected.

Jesus said, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." *John 13: 34-35*

*Liz Resch*

## October services in St Leonard's Church

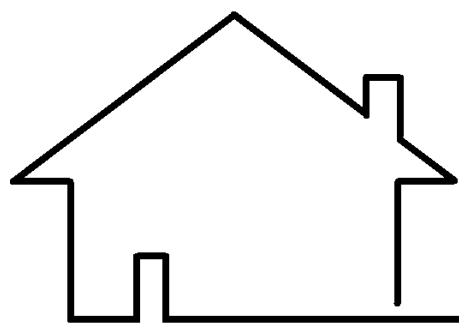
We are delighted to be continuing with some services of public worship in Swithland at St Leonard's Church and hope that many of you will want to join us. Initially, this will be a limited return to gathered worship but we hope that in time we will be able to expand the offering. Only time will tell.

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| Sunday 1 November  | 9.30am | Holy Communion<br>(Common Worship)                 |
| Sunday 8 November  | 9.30am | Morning Prayer<br>(Common Worship)                 |
| Sunday 15 November | 8.00am | Holy Communion<br>(from the Book of Common Prayer) |
| Sunday 22 November | 9.30am | Morning Prayer<br>(Common Worship)                 |
| Sunday 29 November | 9.30am | Morning Prayer<br>(Common Worship)                 |

With the launch of the NHS Covid-19 app, you will now be able to check-in using the app and the QR codes at church. If you don't have access to a compatible smartphone and the app, you are still welcome to attend, but you will need to fill in a NHS Test & Trace form for each visit.

The numbers attending Church will continue to be limited, but as we haven't hit maximum capacity yet we no longer think there's any need to be telling us in advance if you wish to come. Hopefully there will always be enough room for all those who would like to attend. Although this may change in the future.

For your safety and the safety of others, face coverings must be worn by all who are not exempt from doing so. Please be prepared to queue outside the Church until you are shown to a seat (which may not be your usual one). Strict social distancing between households/support bubbles will be in place. And as much as we would want to greet one another with a handshake, warm hug or a kiss, that won't be possible either. Please follow the one way system in Church and make use of the hand sanitiser at the entrance and exit of the Church. We are still prohibited from singing hymns during our worship and we are also required to keep the church doors open throughout the services so you might want to dress appropriately. Sadly, refreshments are not permitted to be served after our services so you'll have to wait till you get home for your coffee.



# CHURCH *at home*

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## Online Worship

While we are delighted to be resuming some of our worship in our Church building, we are aware that there are a good many people who, for one reason or another, do not yet feel comfortable about returning to gathered worship. For this reason we will be continuing with our online worship via Zoom. Please feel free to join us for any or all of the following events:

| Service/Event                       | Time  | Meeting ID    | Passcode |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------|----------|
| Church at Home<br>Sunday Worship    | Sunday 11am<br><i>(10.45am start 8 Nov)</i> | 732-3618-5391 | 002546   |
| Church at Home<br>Morning Prayer    | Mon-Sat<br>9am                              | 786-8201-8817 | 032244   |
| Church at Home<br>All Souls Service | Sunday 1 November<br>3pm                    | 819-1509-2227 | 979814   |

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## Zoom Instructions

If you would like to access any of the services/events set up on Zoom, you can do this using any computer, laptop or phone with a webcam by visiting: [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join)

If you have not used Zoom before, you will be asked to download some software or an app (it doesn't take long to set up). Please allow your computer/phone to do this. You will then be able to access the Church services by entering the Meeting ID Number along with the Meeting Passcode.



# All Souls Service

Please join us online for this inspirational service honouring the memory of those we miss.

**Sunday 1st November 2020**

**3.00pm**

- Readings
- Hymns
- Prayers
- Silence
- Have a candle ready to light

Connect via zoom.us (*see page 4*)

Meeting ID: 819-1509-2227

Passcode: 979814

For more information call

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# **Tearfund Big Quiz Night**

## **Saturday 14th November, 7.30pm**

We have signed up to take on a quiz like no other on Saturday 14th November to fundraise for Tearfund's work in some of the world's poorest countries. Tearfund's Big Quiz team has put a large amount of work into it in advance—all we need to worry about is the answers.

Tearfund's Big Quiz Night is a great opportunity to bring people together and put your knowledge to the test,' said Tearfund's Global Fundraising Director Jane Pleace. 'We are thankful that so many supporters continue to walk with us as we help some of the world's most disadvantaged people.'

There is no charge to join the quiz, but we will be asking you to contribute



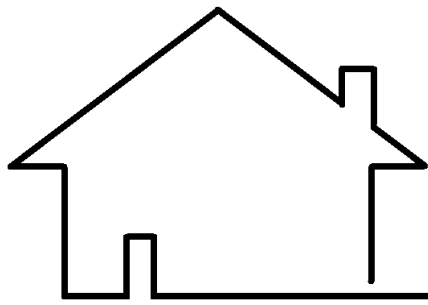
to the work of Tearfund. Any money raised will go to help change the lives of people living in poverty - like Alaya, her husband Bazwell and their three young children in Malawi. They rely on growing maize to survive, but the weather patterns that have guided their farming for generations have changed. And it's putting everyone at risk of sickness and starvation. Frequent flooding brings diseases like cholera and damages their home, washing away what little food they have. With Tearfund's partner, AG Care, Alaya and Bazwell are learning new ways of working the land under these tough conditions.

To take part in Tearfund's Big Quiz Night email [lizresch64@gmail.com](mailto:lizresch64@gmail.com) to register your interest and receive instructions on how to connect.

Give to the work of tearfund at <https://justgiving.com/campaign/bqn20>







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If you need help and assistance during the Covid-19 lockdown or simply want to chat, please feel free to contact any of us and we will do our best to help.

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