

CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

St Alphege Whitstable

Open for private prayer on Wednesdays and Saturdays 2pm- 4pm
Sunday worship is 9.45am (livestream on church FB page at 10am).

St Alphege Seasalter

Online worship continues as usual at 10am via Youtube service. Plans for services in buildings are still being formulated when this edition of Unity Update went to print.

St John's Swalecliffe

Sundays - church open for private prayer 10am - 10.30am. At 10.30am there is a short period (30 mins) of shared worship for up to 20 people. The church is then open for private prayer again between 11am - 11.30am.

The shared worship is also live-streamed at 10.30am on our Facebook page

Wednesdays - Holy Communion in St John's Centre, 11 St John's Road, Swalecliffe at 10am for up to 20 people.

St Peter's Whitstable

Tuesday 10am Eucharist Sunday 10.45am Holy Eucharist

All Saints

Thursdays 10am Healing Eucharist but no laying on of hands

Sundays 8am Holy Communion 11am Garden Service

Then from 20th September 9.30am Holy Communion and 11am Morning Praise

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UNITY UPDATE

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Rev Paulette Stubbings writes:

Dear friends, I remember my driving instructor encouraging me to 'read the road ahead' rather than reacting to things that were just in front of me.

It makes sense in life to seek the wider view, the longer term plan – because we can keep a sense of direction and control over our lives. Nobody likes to be caught out by the unexpected. However, nothing is as we expected it to be when 2020 began.

Have we ever been in control?

There's the quip 'if you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans' – well, I don't subscribe to the idea that God sits apart and aloof waiting for life to implode for us just to have a giggle at our expense.

Jesus is the living proof of God's love and concern for all, especially those who suffer. But there's much in scripture about trusting in God, who has the full plan, and that we generally only get to see the little bit that's ahead:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him



and he will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. (Psalm 119:105)

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying 'This is the way; walk in it' (Isaiah 30:21)

Perhaps as a small child you walked through dense crowd holding the hand of an adult who loved you. They were tall enough to see the way, and you trusted that with your hand in theirs you'd get to where you needed to be, and you were safe in the meantime.

Peace be with you, and the courage to put your hand in the hand of God. Paulette