

For all worshipping in church:

- Let us know that you hope to attend.
- Face coverings in church are a legal requirement unless you are exempt.
- Please use sanitiser as you enter and leave the church and as you go forward to receive Holy Communion.
- Take the order of service home.
- There will be a retiring collection but do consider afresh joining the Parish Giving Scheme. It would be so helpful at this time. Further information from the parish office.
- Names and contact details of all who attend services in our churches will be kept for 21 days for the purpose of Track and Trace.
- We repeat the advice that those whose health is vulnerable or who are over 70 are encouraged to stay at home, but can go out, being advised to minimise contact with others.

CHURCH CONTACTS

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The Parish of Hempsted with St Mary de Lode
and St Mary de Crypt, Gloucester
in partnership with Gloucester Cathedral



September Pew Sheet

There is a definite feeling of autumn in the air! As Hempsted School reopens, it is wonderful to hear once again the sound of children in the playground at the beginning of this new term. Each day we can make a new beginning with God, sustained by our worship together in our churches and in our homes. Do join us if you are able to do so.

September 6

10.00am	United Parish Holy Communion	St Swithun's
11.15am	Praying at Home	Zoom

September 13

10.00am	United Parish Holy Communion	St Mary de Lode
11.15am	Praying at Home	Zoom

September 20

10.00am	United Parish Holy Communion	St Swithun's
11.15am	Praying at Home	Zoom

The Zoom links are on the weekly email and virtual coffee is every Sunday at 12noon



September 27

10.00am Morning Worship **outside the Lysons Hall** followed by the **Annual Meeting** at 10.30am. Please bring your own deckchair. If the weather is bad both these events will happen via Zoom. The Annual Meeting is an opportunity for us to review parish life together, to elect churchwardens and members of the PCC. If you would like to stand for PCC, please do speak with one of the churchwardens for further details.

Please remember to let one of the churchwardens know if you plan to attend a Sunday service in church. This helps them manage the available space and is also necessary for the process of Track and Trace. Thank you.

Morning Prayer via Zoom continues on a Wednesday & Friday at 9.00am

Prayers for the City take place in Discover DeCrypt every Friday at 1.00pm.

Do you have a good idea for a **virtual fundraiser**? Parish finances are severely impacted at this time. All ideas and offers to organise an event are welcome!

Throughout September there are two beautiful **exhibitions in Discover DeCrypt**. Local artist Eloise Hopkins is exploring feminine images of God through her paintings and book, *The God Who Gave you Birth*. As part of the Gloucester History Festival with its theme 'Voyagers and Travellers', *It Takes One Woman* tells the story of the visit to St Mary de Crypt of the first woman to be ordained a priest in the Anglican Communion, the Rev'd Dr Florence Li Tim-Oi. All are welcome. **Discover DeCrypt** is open Wednesday-Sunday 11am-3pm.

The next **Virtual Messy Church** will take place via Zoom on Sunday October 4 at 4pm. Save the date!

Please note that **Nikki** will be on compassionate leave from 7 September for a fortnight whilst Giles has further surgery. Contact telephone numbers for the churchwardens, Anna and the pastoral team are overleaf. Your prayers and kind messages of support for The Rectory family at this difficult time are most appreciated. Thank you.

Our prayers are asked:

- for our parish and Cathedral Church
- for wisdom & guidance for all our political leaders
- for our young people as they return to schools, colleges and universities
- for those researching a COVID vaccine
- for all who are sick
- for all who have died

Creator God, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Watch now, dear Lord, with those who wake or watch or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen.