

2021 UPDATE #19

GARDEN CHURCH — starting next Sunday...

As the lockdown restrictions are relaxed a little in the next few days, we will be starting Garden Church at the Vicarage, from next Sunday. This will allow us (we believe) to sing together again, to talk to one another face-to-face once more, and simply to enjoy being 'back together' after so many months apart. We are intending (at least initially) to offer three Garden Church services each Sunday. Please choose whichever service is the 'best fit' for you:

the Morning Service at 10am

- will be similar to what we would normally offer on Sundays (ie. slightly more conventional!)
- ideal for families with pre-school and primary-school children
- will have a separate group for younger children run by Lizzie on the Vicarage 'top lawn'

'Songs of Praise' at 3pm

- ideal for those who like more traditional hymns
- an opportunity to request your favourite hymn as you register!
- good for those who might be concerned about being around younger children

the Evening Service at 6pm

- likely to be quite informal, with a 'Rock Solid' feel to it
- ideal for students and families with secondary-school children
- good for those who like more contemporary music
- will include a band (*let Mark know if you'd like to be involved*)

Can I come to more than one service? Yes. The services will be quite different, and — so long as numbers permit — you would be welcome to come to more than one. Please remember to register, though.

Why do I still need to register? Some lockdown regulations still apply. Specifically, numbers are limited, so we need to ensure that each Garden Church service has no more than 30 people attending.

Can I invite friends? Yes. In fact, we hope this will be a great opportunity after the last year to invite people along.

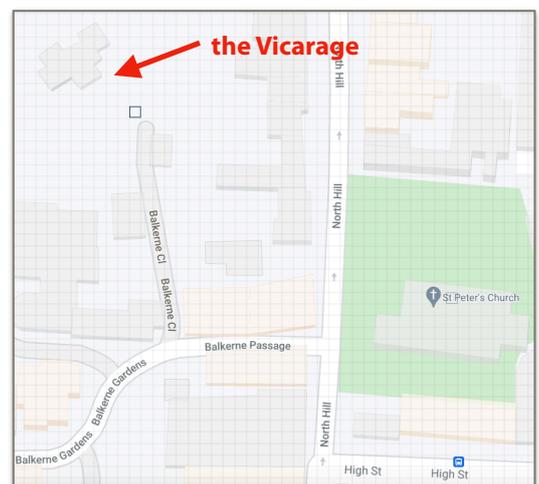
Where is the Vicarage? Please see the map below. From the church, head west across North Hill and along Balcerne Passage (*between Chappells coffee shop and the Centurion pub*). Turn right down the small lane, and the Vicarage is at the bottom. For an exact location, click here <https://w3w.co/plenty.youth.occupy>

Where can I park? There is parking in Balcerne Close. If you are able to park elsewhere (eg St Mary's car park), it would help free up space for those who need to be able to park closer by.

How early can I turn up? Unless you are helping set up, we are asking people not to arrive before 'quarter-to' (ie not before 9:45am, 2:45pm, or 5:45pm). If you could help with setting up, please let Bernice know.

How long will the service last? Each of the services will last around an hour, but we hope people will want to stick around for a little while afterwards.

What if it rains? We don't mind a bit of drizzle, and you might want to bring a coat if you're concerned. However, if the rain looks like it will be heavy, then we will offer (1) something online instead, and (2) a short said service in church. For latest updates, check the website or the Vicarage voicemail (572641).



NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- The *Thy Kingdom Come* prayer movement continues until next Sunday (the Day of Pentecost). Do keep praying...
- While Garden Church is taking place at the Church (23rd May to 20th June, inclusive), there will also be a short pre-recorded 'Said Service' of Morning Prayer available each week via Facebook and YouTube.
- Please note that there remain three vacancies for elected members of the PCC. Anyone eligible to stand for election who is interested in doing so is invited to contact the Chairman (Mark) or Secretary (Bernice) before 31st May.
- We are considering starting up a toddler group at St Peter's, and Lizzie Wallace (07540 261948) would love to hear from anyone who would be interested in thinking through the possibilities and possibly serving in this capacity.
- Please note: for the next few weeks, the Vicar's Day Off will be on a Wednesday.

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 16th May [the Sunday after the Ascension]

- 10:00am — **Church Family Worship Online** (available on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#))
- 10:00am — **Morning Service** (in church, booking required)
- 7:00pm — **"Rock Solid"** (for school years 10-13; via Zoom, details on request)

Tuesday 18th May

- 4:30pm — **"Ignite"** (for school years 7-9; via Zoom, details on request)

Wednesday 19th May

- 8:00pm — **Church Prayer Meeting** (via the *St Peter's Church* WhatsApp group)

Thursday 20th May

- 4:00pm — **"Spark in the Garden"** (for school years 3-6; in the Vicarage garden)
- 7:45pm — **Discipleship Explored** (via Zoom, details on request)

Friday 21st May

- 7:30pm — **"421 Online"** (for school years 7-13; via Zoom, details on request)

Sunday 23rd May [Day of Pentecost]

- 10:00am — **Garden Church: Morning Service** (in the Vicarage garden, registration required)
- 3:00pm — **Garden Church: Songs of Praise** (in the Vicarage garden, registration required)
- 6:00pm — **Garden Church: Evening Service** (in the Vicarage garden, registration required)

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