PARISH of ST. MARTIN

I thought it important to write to all Parishioners to reassure you that both myself and the Public Hall staff are here to support you all during the Coronavirus outbreak, and to assist with the challenges which may arise.

▶ Always follow the latest Coronavirus advice from the Government of Jersey which will be released via the media. Alternatively, you can obtain the latest advice on-line at gov.je/coronavirus.

▶ Please follow the Government advice with regard to lock down. These are unprecedented and extraordinary times and we all have a part to play to combat the virus. Please remain safe in your home. If you are told you should self-isolate please do so, both for your protection and that of others, and also apply social distancing at all times.

▶ The Parish is available to provide general advice and, more importantly for those of you who need assistance. We will take your details and arrange for one of our volunteers to assist. Please Contact the Public Hall on 01534 853951 between 8:30am and 4:30pm or by email at stmartin@posm.gov.je.

▶ After Hours there is an EMERGENCY MOBILE NUMBER 07797 728074 which will be held by our Emergency Liaison Officer, Paul Gaudin. The Emergency phone will be operated between 4:30pm and 8:00pm Monday to Friday. If you are unable to get through on this telephone number, please phone the duty Centenier - 07797 717799.

▶ Medical queries should not be directed to the Public Hall or Emergency Mobile number, please call the CENTRAL GOVERNMENT CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE ON 01534 445566.

▶ If you are living alone and would like someone to contact you from time to time, our volunteers will be happy to do this. Simply contact the Public Hall and provide your details.

Liberation 75

It is with great sadness and enormous regret that we have had to cancel all our Liberation 75 Celebrations. I know many of you were looking forward to these events and I thank everyone who has spent time and already undertaken considerable work towards the celebrations. We will endeavour to make next year even more special and, if later this year or whenever the Coronavirus outbreak is no longer a threat, we will hold a parish celebration.
Parish Assemblies will only be held in an Emergency or for the election of new officers. Only attend if you are required to do so.

In line with the policy of the Church of England issued a few days ago, sadly there will not be any public services in Church for the foreseeable future.

Rev Jonny Scott writes: “I have had to take the heart-breaking decision to close our Ancient Parish Church. I do so in the firm and certain conviction that it is for the common good. The building is closed, but the Church remains; it is the people of God who are praying, loving, listening and caring in our Community. That is the church we need now.”

Reverend Jonny Scott: 01534 854294
St. Martin’s Methodist Church – Reverend Nico Hilmy-Jones 01534 840743
Catholic Community – 01534 720235

All meetings of Clubs and Associations which are held in the Public Hall are postponed. Maufant Youth Club will be closed until further notice. Please follow the @jerseyyouthservice Facebook and Instagram pages for current updates, information and guidance.

The Village Tea Room is now closed.

Refuse Collections will continue on the normal day, but collections are likely to take place earlier. **PLEASE IF POSSIBLE, PUT OUT YOUR BINS THE EVENING BEFORE COLLECTION.**

The Public Hall is now closed to the public. However, we will still be working and can be contacted by telephone, email or post.

Finally, if you are able to volunteer to assist the Parish, in any way, during this time please contact the Public Hall who will be pleased to take your details.

*Thank you to all who have already volunteered.*

I really hope that you stay safe and keep well,

With all good wishes,

*Karen*

Karen Shenton Stone
Constable of St. Martin
(All details are correct at the time of writing – 30th March 2020.)

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