

Distant but United

St Martin's Parish Church



Second Sunday after Trinity, 21st June

I am hugely grateful to everyone who has worked so hard these last days and weeks and to ensure we can once again open the church for Private Prayer. To the Church Council for their guidance and wisdom; Paulette and Colin for their lifting and shifting; and Ian for the care he has taken of the church during its closure.

We have always been taught that cleanliness is next to Godliness. So, the building will be professionally deep cleaned this weekend, and we will then **open the doors for private prayer every day from Tuesday 23rd June**. Volunteer stewards will give the church a hygiene clean each day, and we are very grateful to Phil Sylvester who has offered to do a weekly clean for us on Friday afternoons (the church will be closed at that time).

We are asking everyone who comes to church to do their bit to ensure the safety and cleanliness of the building. We ask that you sanitize your hands on the way in and out, keep to the appointed areas and not touch too many things.

This way, we all work together to ensure the church remains open, safe and clean.

"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness"

Ezekiel 36: 25

Bryan Nicolle



It is with great sadness that I must tell you of the death of our dear friend Bryan Nicolle.

Bryan gave great devotion to the roles of Almoner and Churchwarden. The wider Parish will be indebted to him for the dedication he gave to the Honorary system and the Battle of Flowers float.

Our prayers are with Emily and their children, and with all who knew and loved Bryan.

To speak to Rev Jonny, please ring: 07797 939692 or email: smartinsrector@gmail.com

Guidelines for Private Prayer

Please note the following guidelines will be in place
from Tuesday 23rd June:

- The Church will open daily from 9am to 4pm
- If you are in a vulnerable group, seek medical advice before coming to church
- Fill in an attendance card when entering
- Use hand sanitizer provided on entry
- Follow the signage to available spaces
- Remain 2 meters apart from others
- Candles may be lit, using disposable tapers
- Respect the stillness and quiet by taking conversations outside.



Church Stewards

Whilst private prayer will not be constantly supervised, there will be a steward assigned to each day of the week who will come into church and wipe down the door handles, pews and other areas. Please help them in their task by remaining in the allocated areas and please refrain from touching anything unnecessary.

We would welcome more volunteers to steward the church, so please let the Rector know if you are able and willing to help.

Worship from Home

It has been wonderful to hear from so many of you that have engaged with the written and recorded worship that has been sent out each week. By email and post we now reach over 100 people each week.

Even as the church slowly re-opens, this ministry will continue, so you will have the option to worship at home for some time to come.

When we deem gathered worship to be safe and appropriate to reintroduce we will still be limited on the numbers we can have in church and the format the services can take, so it would be wise to expect a significant level of disruption for a good while yet. And so the option to worship from home will remain.

