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St Ann's Church Manchester

News from St Ann's Building Connections



Exciting news about our neighbouring parish of The Ascension, Hulme: The Church Commissioners have awarded the diocese a grant to transform The Ascension into a hub for the HeartEdge network which has come out of St Martin in the Fields in London.

The new priest in The Ascension is the Revd Azariah France-Williams. St Ann's Rector, Nigel Ashworth and our other neighbouring Rector, Andy Salmon of Sacred Trinity in Salford, have been on the steering group helping the project to achieve this support.

This offers St Ann's the chance to be part of a network which will build partnership in such areas as working with the visual arts, music and digital communications. Watch this space!



Services are back

For now our Sunday service on Zoom will continue but there will also be a 9.00 am Holy Communion service in the church itself. Singing is not yet going to be permitted and so this will be the traditional 'said' Prayer Book celebration.

We will also have our usual Holy Communion services on Tuesday and Thursday at 12.15 pm.

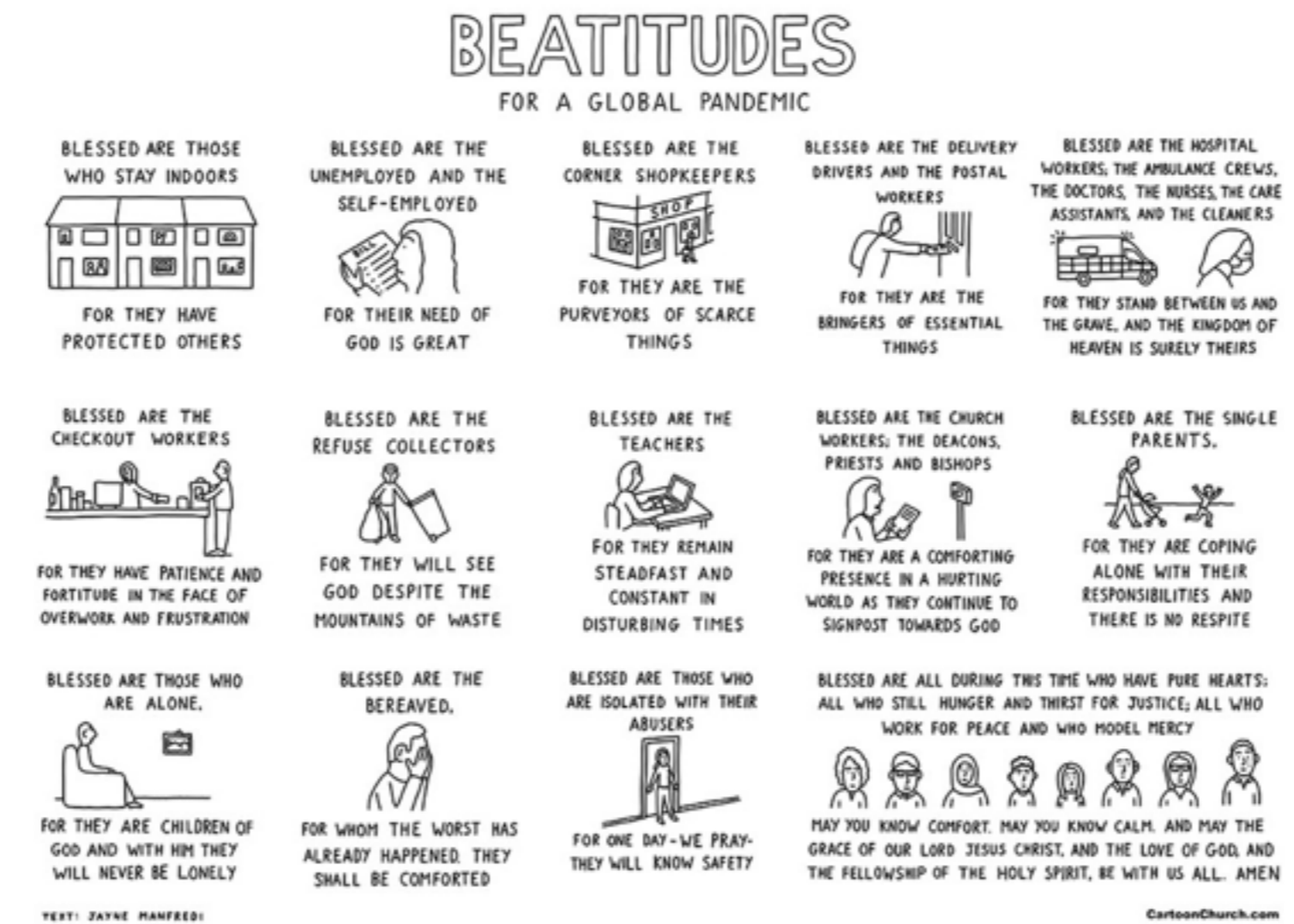
For each of these please arrive early so that you can 1) wash your hands, and 2) fill out a simple form we are using so that, if required, we can support the 'track & trace' process. In the event of a crowd turning up we are limited to 52 attendees - although household groups can sit together as well.

This Sunday's Zoom worship

This Sunday service is at the usual time of 10.45 am. Please download the Zoom app on your phone, laptop or desktop PC and follow this link.

The meeting ID: 969 1769 3580. You can also call in by 'phone. If you would like to do this please contact William - contact details below.

The Collect for Sunday: Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Congratulations!

Warm congratulations to new parents Cecelia and David whose baby boy Zion was born on Monday 22nd June and also to Sue and Kesh whose baby boy Joshua was born on Saturday 4th July!

Remembering Ann Bland

St Ann's Church was consecrated and opened to the public on July 17th 1712 - 308 years ago next Friday. It is amazing to think that the whole church was paid for by one woman - Lady Ann Bland. She is buried at St James's Church in Didsbury and there is a memorial to her inside the church. Every year a group from St Ann's gathers on our anniversary at St James's. Prayers are said and a posy is put on Lady Ann's memorial. If you want to join in this year just come along to St James's at 11.00 am on Friday. You will be most welcome.

We have received a grant

Manchester City Council have awarded St Ann's a grant of £5,000 from the 'Discretionary Small Business Grant Scheme' to assist us with some of the costs of the lockdown. Along with many other organisations St Ann's have suffered a serious blow to our financial viability - so this is really welcome news!

The Pandemic in Lahore

Our link diocese of Lahore in Pakistan is working hard as the pandemic takes hold. Bishop Mark has made a video highlighting how we might help. You can see it here.

Join us for Zoom Compline

You are welcome to join in Night Prayer, traditionally called Compline. This will last around 15 minutes and is taking place from Tuesday to Friday by Zoom at 9.00 pm. If you would like to do this please contact Sydwell (see below).

Keep in touch

You can contact Nigel on 0161 235 5206 or by email on rector@stannsmanchester.com. Sydwell is on 07404 265463 or at curate@stannsmanchester.com. You can contact Church Manager William on the Church's number 0161 834 0239 (and leave a message) or by email at manager@stannsmanchester.com.

Bible study group

We have missed our home groups! If you would like to take part in a new one starting soon on Zoom please contact Sydwell (above).

Please pray

For the many people who are still shielding at home or feeling isolated and still not able to get out.



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