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St Ann's Church Manchester

### News from St Ann's Peace be with you!



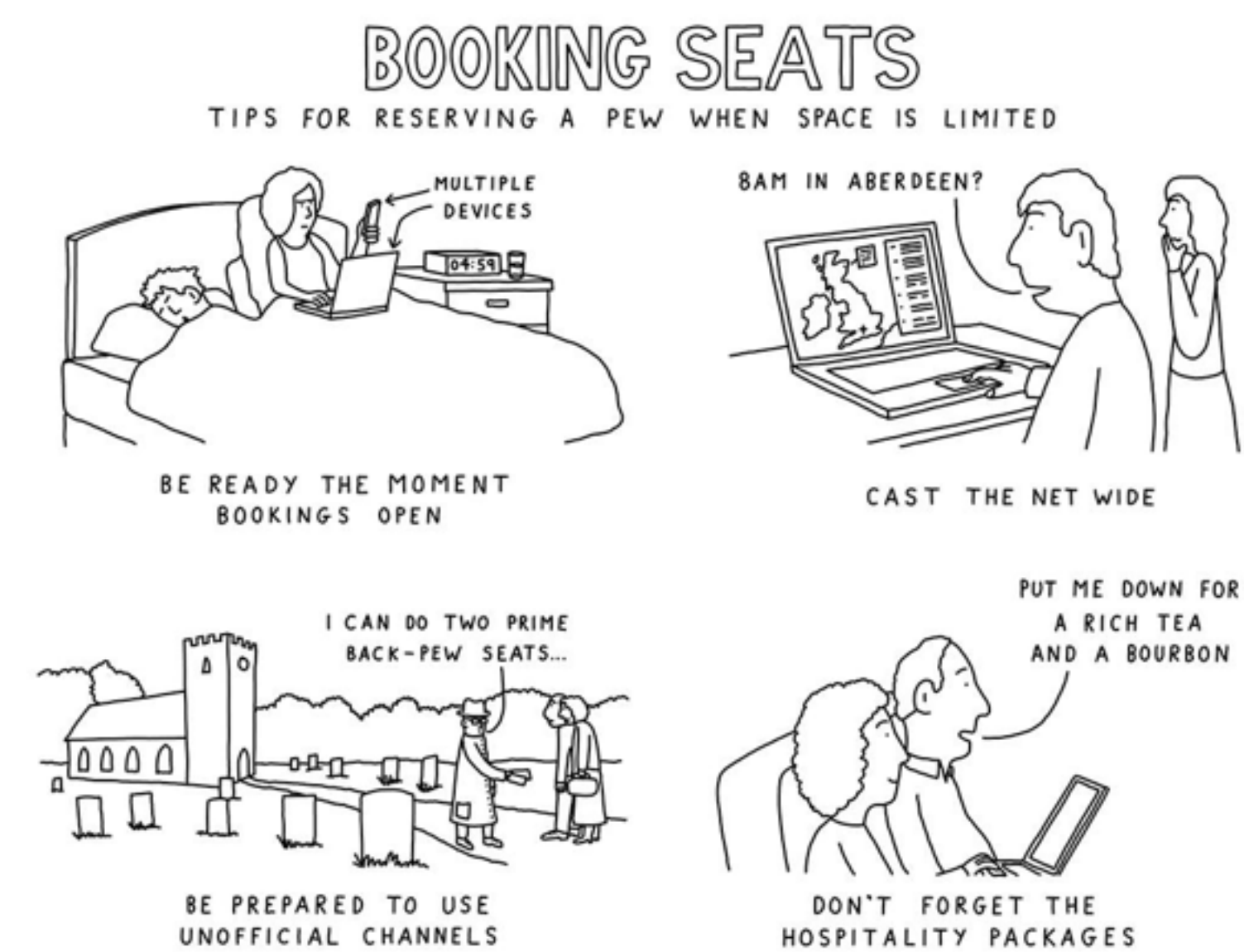
#### Back in Church

Last Sunday we had our 10.45 am service back in St Ann's for the first time since March. It was fantastic to be back, even with all the lockdown restrictions, and to hear music in the church after so long. We celebrated Harvest: A big thank you to Mary and Claire who did such lovely flowers and to everyone who contributed to a handsome collection of non-perishable foodstuffs for Mustard Tree. They told us that since lockdown their need for these kind of donations has gone up five-fold.

#### Annual Meeting

This Sunday, October 4th, we will have a shorter service to accommodate our Annual Meeting. We know not everyone will yet feel able to come - but we hope to elect members of our PCC who will help us to carry the church forward.

At St Ann's we have not got round to booking seats in church yet - but below is Dave Walker's take on some churches which have started to do that.



#### This Sunday

- 9.00 am Holy Communion
- 10.45 am Sunday Eucharist followed by the Annual Meeting.
- 5.00 pm Service on Zoom

You can access the 5.00 pm Zoom service by following this [link](#). The meeting ID is 910 1137 6552.

You can also call in by 'phone. If you would like to do this please contact William - contact details below.

#### This Sunday's Collect:

Gracious God,  
you call us to fullness of life:  
deliver us from unbelief  
and banish our anxieties  
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Living well through the next six months

Living with COVID-19 will be hard for everyone this winter. The Prime Minister has asked us all to observe the Rule of Six. There are lessons and challenges that Christians can draw from this number to help us live well in these times.

- > SIX MONTHS IS THE NEW HORIZON  
*Focus on Easter and lean back into the great themes of the church year.*
- > SIX DAYS TO WORK AND A SABBATH TO REST  
*Reclaim the gift of one day each week for rest and re-creation.*
- > SIX PEOPLE TO JOURNEY WITH  
*Rediscover church as small groups of people supporting one another.*
- > SIX WAYS TO BE SALT AND LIGHT  
*Identify the people and community organisations you can support.*
- > SIX PERCENT TO YOUR CHURCH  
*If your income is stable, increase your giving to sustain the local church.*
- > SIX PEOPLE TO PRAY FOR  
*Pray for people you know to discover the riches of our faith.*

"...neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."  
Romans 8.37-39

[oxford.anglican.org/six](http://oxford.anglican.org/six)

#### Inspiration from the Diocese of Oxford

Tell us what you think!

#### Midweek Holy Communion

There are lunchtime celebrations of Holy Communion at 12.15 pm on Tuesday and Thursday.

#### Join us for Zoom Compline

You are welcome to join in Night Prayer, traditionally called Compline. This lasts 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 Sydwel (see below).



#### Church is open

The church is open from 11.00 am - 3.00 pm from Tuesday through to Saturday. We have a regime for hygiene and managing our visitors - we even have a certificate from Visit England to say so. Call in to see us!

#### The late Helen Wyre

Many people in St Ann's will not know Helen because for many years she has been almost housebound and latterly almost blind as well. This week, aged 85, Helen died in the Royal Oldham Hospital. Her faith was undimmed as she knew she was coming to her final days - and she was able to make sure the doctor knew she had no fear of dying. Helen had no family but Liz Agbetoh was able to be with her in her land read Psalm 23 to Helen as she slipped into a better life. Rest in peace.

Helen's funeral will be in St Ann's on Saturday 10th October at 11.00 am.

#### Keep in touch

You can contact Nigel on 0161 235 5206 or by email on [rector@stannsmanchester.com](mailto:rector@stannsmanchester.com). Sydwel is on 07404 265463 or at [curate@stannsmanchester.com](mailto: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](mailto:manager@stannsmanchester.com).

#### Please pray

For our new PCC.

For everyone who is struggling.



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