



Crookwell Uniting Church

“To Know Christ and Make Christ Known”



*Witnessing to God's love for the world
From the main street to the paddock.*

June 2020

We Are Still The Church

This Sunday (31 May) is Pentecost – the last day of the Easter Season, when we celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit.

As I read the passage for this Sunday from Acts (2.1-21), I found myself stuck on the words ‘When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.’ How wonderful it would be for us to be all together *in one place* this Pentecost Sunday.

Unfortunately, the reality of this COVID-19 pandemic is a long way from over. Even as our culture is ‘rushing back to normal’ around us, we are beginning to realize just how complicated regathering will be.

There is a growing body of research that suggests singing, sharing morning tea, handshakes and close proximity in buildings which aren’t well ventilated (such as Crookwell Church in the middle of winter) all contribute to the spread of this virus.

Consequently, even as pubs and cafes are reopening their buildings, the church is not. Let me be clear, this is not the same as the church being closed, however.



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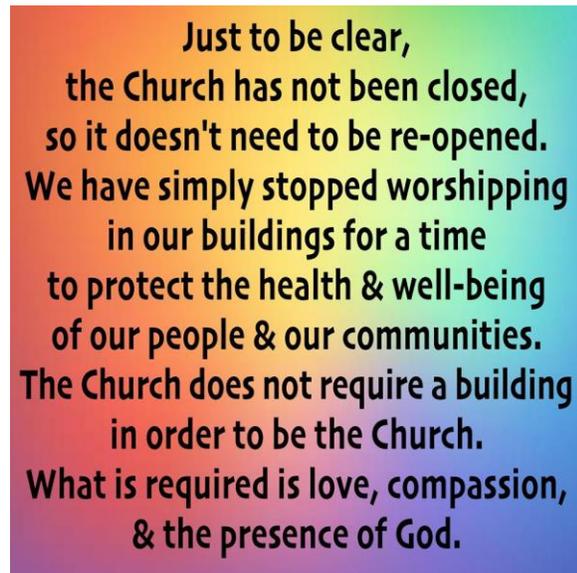
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As this image I saw on Facebook put it:



**Just to be clear,
the Church has not been closed,
so it doesn't need to be re-opened.
We have simply stopped worshipping
in our buildings for a time
to protect the health & well-being
of our people & our communities.
The Church does not require a building
in order to be the Church.
What is required is love, compassion,
& the presence of God.**

Of course, we miss gathering together for worship. But we aren't rushing back to it. And, I want to begin to prepare you now, that even when we can gather again things might look quite different than before.

However, the promise of good news for us this Pentecost Sunday is that we are not alone – and we are still the church. For, we have the gift of the Holy Spirit, which is poured out on *every single one of us* so that *we all might fulfill the ministry to which God has called us.*

In this way, as we pray, and sing, and read, and reflect in our homes this Pentecost Sunday, I know that we *will* all be together in the one Spirit, even if we aren't in one place. - Daniel

Prayer for Strength

Every day we need you Lord but this day especially,
We need some extra strength to face whatever is to be,
This day more than any day we need to feel you near,
To fortify our courage and to overcome our fear.

By ourselves we cannot meet the challenge of the hour,
There are times when humans help but we need a higher power,
To help us bear what must be borne and so dear Lord we pray,
Hold onto our trembling hands and be near us today.

Pope John XXIII

With thanks to Denise Moorby for sharing.

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Podcasts Now Available

While we continue to worship from home, we have been gradually building a library of faith resources to help you to grow in your journey as a disciple of Christ.

Recently, we have added some links to podcasts which we hope you will find relevant.

You can find all of the links at <http://crookwelluniting.org/faith-formation/podcasts/>



Worship & Readings

Sunday 7 June

9:00 crookwelluniting.org

Readings: Genesis 1:1-2, 4; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28-16-20

Sunday 14 June

9:00 crookwelluniting.org

Readings: Genesis 18:1-15; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8

Sunday 21 June

9:00 crookwelluniting.org

Readings: Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 10:24-39

Sunday 28 June

9:00 crookwelluniting.org

Readings: Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

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