



# ST DAVID OF WALES

Episcopal Church

Shelton, WA

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## JULY 2020

**ANOTHER DAY and ANOTHER MONTH** has passed since we began 'staying in and staying safe.' How much longer will we do this? **Well, it looks like that day is finally going to arrive! Fr. Steve announced at the service last Sunday, that we will open our doors once again on July 5th. The service will still be streamed but those of us wishing to venture out may do so.** To comply with State of Washington suggestions for safe distancing, adjustments will be made in the Church to assure each person's safety. For those that do not wish to take the 'leap,' there is still the option of watching and participation via live Streaming of the service. It will be a new day and a new way - personally, I can't wait! . . . Billie

**QUESTIONS . . .** Since we are tentatively opening the church for one service on **July 5th at 10:30**, Fr. Steve has forwarded some directions on how we are to proceed. I assume everyone has received the letter he sent on Monday, but just in case here is what to expect and what to do if you plan on attending the service.

**Enter and Exit** the church using the Parking Lot door; **Masks** must be worn by everyone; **Do not congregate in fellowship hall** in order to maintain social distancing; **One household to each pew** - sit in every other row, at arm's length from the aisle; **Place Offering** in the plate when you enter or leave the church; **No singing by the congregation; Communion** bread will be brought to you in the pew, use of the chalice will be symbolic only; **Please exit** through the fellowship area to the parking lot; **There will be no coffee hour** until further notice.

Greeters and other volunteers will be available to help you remember the list of instructions. If you are uncomfortable coming to St David's, we will continue to livestream the 10:30 service for the foreseeable future. Thanks to all who have donated to make this possible.

**VESTRY NOTES . . . Sr. Warden Mike Callaghan** has been holding meetings with the Vestry via Zoom. It has been a little tricky, but somehow, we can get it all together. Some of the things we have been discussing are the usual items of business that come before the Vestry, such as:

**Finances** - Members need to be reminded that pledges are still necessary.

**Stewardship Committee** - Putting together a list of projects for when we are back together for fellowship and to earn revenue to support programs. You will hear more about these later.

**The Saints' Pantry** - continues to serve clients through the door and on the street.

**Community LifeLine** - Dinners are still being prepared and served by members of the congregation on Tuesday nights. They can always use more help - Call Judy Callaghan.

**Live Streaming of Services** - Plans are to continue for the next three months through the local radio station, then, if possible, purchase the equipment necessary to do it ourselves. Donations will be gratefully accepted for this project.

**The Wall - Jr. Warden, Cheri**, said she has had a request from a member about putting a mural or tapestry on the wall in the back of the Church, something that would inspire members as they exit the Nave. She is interested in hearing ideas from our members.

**Birthday Cards** are being designed and will be sent out to members on their birthdays

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially **Marjorie, Shawn, Mike and Judy, Doug, Barrett, Janet, Ernie, Betty, Dick, Lisa, Adam, Greg, David, Ann, Robin, Betty Debbie, Margaret, Jamy, Jonathan and Christina, Nancy and Joe, Sue, Jesse, Kathy, Peggy, Marilyn and Andrea.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH TO** - Carla Hearst on the 8th, Judy Callaghan on the 9th, Cathy Warner on the 12th and Annie Beth Henry on 20th. Many happy returns and may God Bless You!

**DATES TO REMEMBER -**

<b>Tues. June 30</b>	<b>Vestry Meeting</b>	<b>Zoom, 5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun. July 5,12,10,26</b>	<b>Church at St. David's</b>	<b>live at 10:30 a.m.</b>

**A MESSAGE TO OUR MEMBERS RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER BY MAIL . . . .** You will be getting a call from Billie shortly. Fr. Steve would like to know specifically how you are doing, what you are missing, and what concerns you may have that the church can help with; Also, are you taking advantage of St. David's livestreaming and would you like to help with setting it up in the future?

Now that we are in Phase 3, we will be able to gather up to 50 people, but we would like to know how you feel about returning to the church. Are there any preparations we could make that would help you?

**SOME SHORT STORIES FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE:**

*Once all villagers decided to pray for rain, on the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is **FAITH***

*When you throw a baby up in the air, she laughs because she knows you will catch her - That is **TRUST***

*Every night we go to bed, without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarm to wake up. That is **HOPE***

*We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children. That is **LOVE***

*On an old man's shirt was written a sentence, 'I am not 80 years old ... I am sweet 16 with 64 years' experience' That is **ATTITUDE.***



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