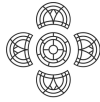


ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH



Wendell Park, LONDON W12

APCM addendum

St Saviour's in light of COVID-19

This year has been a very difficult time for the entire world. No one could have predicted that two-thirds of the world would be in lockdown, and a global pandemic would ravage the nations. As we all know and appreciate, many restrictions have been placed on all spheres of life, and gathered worshipping communities have had to adapt to new regulations.

At St Saviour's, we moved quickly following lockdown to providing online services using the Zoom platform. Thanks must go to the PCC and especially Simon Jenkins for helping to spearhead this tech. Our two services became one service at 10am. This actually was not as traumatic as initially thought, as 90 per cent of the church membership joined us as we gathered in bedrooms, lounges, gardens, kitchens and student halls. We kept worshipping and learning together.

Over this time, we established our Tuesday Testimonies series, which has been a great success and has helped us get to know each other a lot better and see more clearly how God acts in people's lives.

In September 2020, we moved back to physical church. The PCC felt that one hybrid service at 10am, conducted in the church building but also streamed live on Zoom, would be the best way to shepherd the congregation in worshipping together. We will be worshipping in this way for the foreseeable future. New members have joined us online who are not able to worship with us in person, as they live far away. This has made us think how we can serve the body of Christ further afield.

We have upgraded our wifi at church to help with the new streaming capacity, and we have implemented a one-way system to allow for the safest movement in church. We also have a return to church briefing document for all who are considering worshipping in church in person.

We continue to see new people coming to St Saviour's, and while this has been a tough time for the church, it has been a journey that we are on together.

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