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Mass times for the week of 14th June 2020

14th Sunday	Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	10.00am	People of the Parish
15th Monday	Feria	9.30am	Percy Channing RIP
16th Tuesday	Feria	9.30am	Ints Joey Blackburn
17th Wednesday	Feria Church Open from	10.30—12.30	
18th Thursday	Feria	10.00am	Jack Bodman RIP
19th Friday	Sacred Heart of Jesus Church Open from	Capt John Kingswell Blackburn RIP 1.30—3.30pm	
20th Saturday	Immaculate Heart of Mary	9.30am	Albert & Kathleen Dominic RIP

Offertory 7th June: £75 Weekly Standing Order: £273.00

Church Opening for Private Prayer: The Church will be open on Wednesday 17 June from 10.30am to 12.30pm and on Friday 19 from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

Sick and Housebound: Please pray for: Lyndall Barbour, Lizzie Dickinson,, Pat Wilson, Charles & Dorothea Sultana de Maria, Joy Trant-McCarthy, James Orde, Jim & Gloria O'Hanlon, Françoise Moody, Graham & Christine Zebedee, Cuqui Chambers, Lorna Platt, Mac Ballard, Edna Bodman, Sylvester Rozario, Mary Lawson, Martin Abbott, Deacon David Wakefield, Philip Clark.

Churches Together Help Scheme

For nearly three months Churches Together in Warminster has provided an emergency help line and help scheme for our communities. This has been a time of concentrated effort to meet needs within the vulnerable and isolated of Warminster and the surrounding villages. Even now new names are being added to the records of those who have drawn on our help. Geoff Samways, our Treasurer, has managed our money and we have had help in seeking financial support from charities and local and national companies (Fudge Trust, Waitrose, SSSSE and some private donations)

Many will have seen the report about our work found in the Warminster Journal recently. Similarly, the Scheme gets a mention (and a photo) in the Wiltshire Life Magazine for July and August.

Gradually we have seen the demand for our help levelling off – not disappearing. Still those at home; the elderly, the isolated, the vulnerable ask for prescriptions to be collected, shopping to be done or things to be posted. We have also provided for longer-term “listening ear” volunteers. This is available for those who want and need to have someone to talk with.

In all this it has been vital to work in collaboration with other voluntary and statutory providers. We work alongside the Warminster Action Group. We liaise with Wiltshire Council, with the Avenue Surgery, Cornerstone, the Warminster Foodbank, hospital transport, local supermarkets and, of course, all of our Churches.

In this some might ask “why the churches?”. Our answer can only be that we are commanded to love and serve others – and that such a command is taken as a privilege and a joy as well as a duty. It is a privilege to take the Christian sense of service for the common good to our community. Perhaps we, too, can recapture a little of that “lost” or “dented” confidence in how we can and do proclaim the Gospel in the community and communities such as ours.

I believe the people are pleased to see all the Churches working together in this way. I certainly believe that our prayer through this period has been in far more than words – part of that is our laying out of a simple help scheme for those who wish to reach back and say “yes please”.

May I thank my fellow co-ordinators who have shared the management, the organisation and the co-ordination daily of the Help Scheme. We may be from different churches but that only means we have a wider network from which to draw! So thank you to Jenny Rossiter, to Theresa and to Michael Tansey.

As the crisis diminishes we expect to close the line and invite people to refer to their churches, to Cornerstone, the Foodbank... and Cornerstone are ready to continue their work with those in difficulties, distress and crisis. but, there again, I hope we all are!

Please continue to pray for the work of the Help scheme, its volunteers and those we are trying to serve.

Harold Stephens Chair, Churches Together in Warminster.