

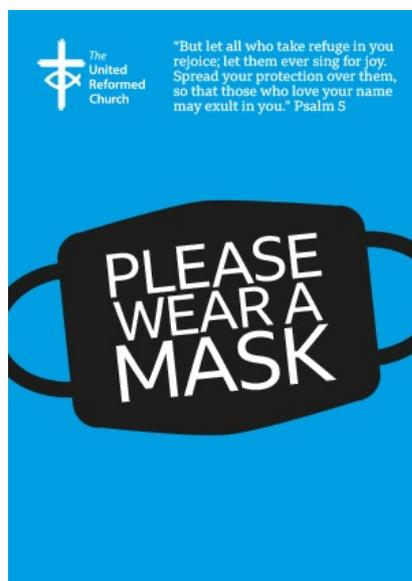


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## THAMES NORTH SYNOD NEWS ROUNDUP

Welcome to our News Roundup for 7 August 2020.

If you would like to keep your inbox clear, feel free to unsubscribe at the bottom of the page. Please circulate this widely so that these great events and opportunities can benefit as many as possible. Blessings.



### Face coverings mandatory in church from 8 August

"...we continue to strongly advise that face coverings should be worn by all those attending a place of worship, including ministers, worshippers, staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors..."

Read the full story from *Church Times*: [Face coverings mandatory in church from 8 August, Prime Minister announces](#)



As churches slowly begin to reopen, it is becoming clear that the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic will be with us for many months to come. The National Churches Trust continues to support churches, chapels and meeting houses during this difficult time. Further information can be found at: <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/news/advice-reopening-your-church>

## Nothing's Impossible In God's Time John 11



URC Children's and Youth Work team are delighted to bring you **Week 18** of this exciting new resource. This is available on the URC website <https://urc.org.uk/resources-for-children-and-youth> or from [here](#).

*Families on Faith Adventures @ home* is designed to support families of all generations as they experience, explore and express faith together through the week. It is a 'pick and mix' of activities, games, prayers and challenges based around a story from the Bible and draws on materials from our non-uniformed children's groups Pilots and FOFA.

## Advice to churches about coronavirus

The United Reformed Church (URC) is offering advice and resources from a variety of sources about the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. Follow this link for the latest advice and resources: <https://urc.org.uk/coronavirus.html>

## Thames North Synod Office Plans

The Synod and Trust office staff will be working from home from now until further notice. Someone will go in a couple of times a week to deal with any post coming in, but we need to be aware that even this may not be possible in the future, depending on government advice.

We ask therefore that you contact us by email only where possible. We are still able to pick up your phone calls, but only if you leave a voicemail message, which is forwarded to us at home, from where we will get back to you as soon as possible. In the event that you do need to send documents by post, please contact either Muna Levan-Harris or Keith Berry at [trust@urcthamesnorth.org.uk](mailto:trust@urcthamesnorth.org.uk) for all Thames North Trust matters, or Colleen Fraser at [modpa@urcthamesnorth.org.uk](mailto:modpa@urcthamesnorth.org.uk) for any Thames North Synod matter.

We will be keeping in touch with you from home, via email, the website and our newsletter, so keep a look out for our updates and messages.

*You may follow this link for a number of items of information relating to Covid-19*

[http://urcthamesnorth.org.uk/\\_home\\_/advice-and-information-corona](http://urcthamesnorth.org.uk/_home_/advice-and-information-corona)

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