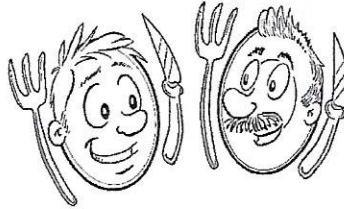


# Men's Lunch

## St. Peter's Church, Harold Wood



5<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Men's Lunch Member, Helper, Supporter,

### **MEN'S LUNCH (ML) – IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** **NEW SEASON**

On behalf of Chris Knowles, myself and all the St. Peter's *Men's Lunch Team*, we hope and pray you are keeping safe and well during these very odd, strange and worrying times.

August is the month we usually write to you with exciting news about the new season of lunches. This year – you can probably guess – the news is not so exciting sadly. However we want to let you know the situation as we currently know it.

Although many of the restrictions of the last 4 or so months have now been eased, we are being told almost daily that COVID-19 is still very much with us. Therefore, and rightly so, the Government and the scientific experts are moving very cautiously. In turn, The Church of England 'pandemic rules' remain rather strict and are being updated/changed often. Your ML Leadership Team has liaised with the St. Peter's Senior Staff Team, and taking all current available information into account, and bearing in mind what ML essentially does (the clue is in our title!!), regrettably we have decided to ***postpone the start of our new season until – at the earliest – the New Year.*** *This is not we wanted to do of course – we had great plans/guests lined up, but I'm sure you understand that, as things currently stand, it is the right and proper thing to do. Also many of our members will probably be feeling very cautious about going out at the moment.*

**PTO**

St. Peter's Parish Church, Harold Wood.

St. Peter's Church 'Welcome Desk',

Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, Essex. RM3 0QA.

Tele: 01708 342080. E-mail: [welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org](mailto:welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org). [www.stpetersharoldwood.org](http://www.stpetersharoldwood.org)

Having said all this, we continue to trust in our good God and make initial plans for the beginning of 2021, so please do put the following dates in your 2021 diary:

- **TUESDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY (New Year & possible re-launch lunch??);**
- **TUESDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY;**
- **TUESDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH;**
- **TUESDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL (Easter Day 4<sup>TH</sup>);**
- **TUESDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY (possible outing??); and**
- **TUESDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE (possible Summer Special??).**

We stress that the above dates are all provisional and dependant on the rules allowing ML (plus other St. Peter's mid week groups) to begin again.

We have tried to keep everyone 'in the loop' with updates via email or the occasional letter – *we will continue to do this as and when we have updates for you.* In the meantime, if you wish to contact us via St. Peter's, you are most welcome to do so – contact details are at the foot of this letter.

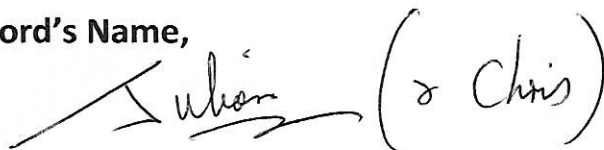
Don't forget, for those who have access to YouTube, St. Peter's is live-streaming a Sunday service at 10:30am every week repeated at 6:30pm. Our YouTube channel can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfENka2vNLi130IjaGYPXg>

Finally (for now), we must not forget that up until March we had a brilliant 2019-20 season with some wonderful guest speakers – plus celebrating Les Whittington's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in Feb. - so on behalf of us all, Chris Knowles & I would like to once again shout 'hip hip hooray' and thank our wonderful Team of essential Helpers –

- Jackie Marlow and her FANTASTIC Catering Team, including -
  - Pat Cobie and Fran Mears;
- Our AWESOME 'setup' and 'clear away' folk - Don & Jim Ansell plus Alan Cheetham & Dave Lawless.

In the Lord's Name,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julian" followed by a large flourish and the text "(or Chris)" in parentheses.

Mr. Julian Harris  
ML Secretary.

PS: Keep safe & well.

St. Peter's Parish Church, Harold Wood.

St. Peter's Church 'Welcome Desk',

Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, Essex. RM3 0QA.

Tele: 01708 342080. E-mail: [welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org](mailto:welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org). [www.stpetersharoldwood.org](http://www.stpetersharoldwood.org)