

Dear friends

Once again, I am writing with a link to the recorded worship and reflection for today, the Fifth Sunday after Trinity, and also to hymns and music to accompany the spoken worship (with thanks again to Sarah).

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Worship and Reflection for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

An Act of Worship for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity from the Kingsbury and Baxterley Group of Churches, with a reflection from Revd John on the Parable of t...

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I am pleased to say that the Church Councils of our three parishes have agreed a pattern for the gradual re-opening of the churches for public worship, beginning from next Sunday, 19th July. To ensure that this can be done as safely as possible, we are starting with a more limited pattern of services in the church buildings, and some restrictions will apply. Part of the risk assessments that have been taking place have been ensuring that we can maintain proper social distancing, and so the maximum number of people who can attend at any one time will be 30 in Kingsbury and Merevale Church, and 20 elsewhere. There will be hand sanitiser available on entry into the church. Services will be shorter than usual (probably about half an hour), and there will not be any singing. Holy Communion will take place, but will be administered in a slightly different way to what we are used to, again to minimise the risk of transmission of the virus. The current guidance from government and the Church of England is that the wearing of face masks is optional; however, that may very well change to a stronger recommendation or even requirement that they be used. If that is the case, I will ensure that clean masks are available in the church for anybody who does not have their own.

For the next few weeks at least the pattern of services will be:

1st and 3rd Sunday of each month: 11am Holy Communion at Merevale, 4.30pm Evening Service at Baxterley

2nd and 4th Sunday of each month: 11am Holy Communion at Kingsbury

There will be a 9.30am service at Wood End every Wednesday, which will sometimes be Holy Communion, beginning on 22 July.

There will also be a simple said Evening Prayer each week at Kingsbury on Wednesdays at 6.15pm and at Baxterley at 4.30pm.

This is just a starting point, and over the coming weeks we will look especially at when to hold services at Hurley, and at what will be the best provision for young families, as it will not be possible to hold Tea Time Church in the way that we had done prior to the virus outbreak.

I know there are some people who have been looking forward eagerly to this moment, of returning to the church buildings once again. There will also be those who are wary, including especially those who are shielding. I must emphasise that I do not want anyone to feel under any pressure to think they should come into the buildings if they do not feel safe or comfortable doing so. Anybody with coronavirus symptoms, or in a household where someone else does, obviously should not attend. Although we have taken what steps we can to minimise risk, no public gathering can be entirely risk-free. So please be assured that for the foreseeable future we will be continuing with much of the provision for worship at home that has been developed over the last few months, including certainly the youtube videos of worship and reflection, and the Dial-a-sermon line (01827 211 125). I also expect to continue this regular email update; please let me know if you would prefer no longer to receive this. Sending it is not a problem, but I don't want to clog up the inboxes of anyone for whom it is not wanted.

This coming week, we shall again be having a Zoom compline on Tuesday evening at 8pm (ID 999 516 9418, password Twigster3) and on Thursday at 10.30am a chat and catch up time - ID 319 891 1457, password Kings1.

We will also have a small cleaning party and Green Clean at Kingsbury Church this coming Saturday at 10am, to prepare for the re-opening of the world. You are welcome to join us, but please make sure you observe social distancing.

Finally, some sad news to share. Last weekend, Eileen Ball from Hurley passed away peacefully in George Eliot hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are very much with Jennifer and Lionel and all the family. Eileen's funeral service will be on Tuesday 28 July at Merevale Church, following private committal at Nuneaton Crematorium. I am sorry that the limitation on numbers in our current circumstances mean that we cannot invite all of Eileen's many friends to attend the service, but I am sure that in due course there will be an opportunity to pay tribute and celebrate Eileen's life. Please also remember the family of June Alabaster, whose funeral will be on Monday 20 July at Nuneaton Crematorium.

As ever, do please let me know if you have any questions, concerns or news, or if you would just like a chat.

With very best wishes

John

65 - Father of Heaven Whose Love Profound

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5nJZRIsuRI8>

420 - Lord Thy Word Abideth - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C3-dMvkZM-A>

484 - O for a Heart to Praise my God

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GqXhyObHgJg>

766 - You Shall Go Out With Joy

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJeTbPoiNm0&list=RDgJeTbPoiNm0&start_radio=1&t=19

Some more.....

- Psalm 65: The Seed That Falls - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PXigDbkV1Zg>
- Thy word is a lamp unto my feet - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=miNYyUd92eE&list=RDmiNYyUd92eE&start_radio=1&t=43
- Give ear unto me (Benedetto Marcello) - Guildford Cathedral Choir (Barry Rose) - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5v_pM1yWn2M
- Open Thou Mine Eyes - John Rutter, The Cambridge Singers - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dMKqrAmAon8>
- Open Thou Mine Eyes (Rizza) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rf309MvtjFY>
- Be Still - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zjNeGK0nD_o

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