



Hello from the Rector!

Well, it's three months (roughly) since I started here as the Rector of St Margaret's and what a three months it has been! A continuing national pandemic, an APCM, two lockdowns, Christmas and moving house, it's perhaps no wonder then that I, like you, probably feel that everything is in a bit of a whirl at the moment!

Of course, the two lockdowns and the pandemic must loom large in our thoughts at the moment and it's important that we take this virus and the variant seriously. As you know I recently, having discussed the pros and cons with the Churchwardens and the ministry team, made the very hard decision that we should lead by example and closed the church to communal worship.

This was an easy decision to make in some respects, as I wanted and must keep us all safe in these extraordinary times but was incredibly hard too as it meant that once again services would change, and we wouldn't be able to worship collectively in person. At the moment planning for services is a bit like trying to hang on to fog – impossible and forever changing!

I am also aware that there are still many of you that I am unfortunately yet to meet and whilst I understand that you must and should be at home to stay safe, as we all must now, I wanted to let you know that I am very much looking forward to and hoping that we can, when it is safe to do so, meet in person soon.

As you will have heard we have gone back online at the moment with the Sunday service. It's now a Zoom service which for many probably sounds quite daunting and perhaps a little scary, however, can I reassure you that you can listen in to these services on your phone - you don't need a computer or the internet to join in. The details of how to join the Zoom services can be found below and I hope that many of you will feel able to be part of the services over the coming weeks.

Going forward as you will appreciate, we don't know yet how long we will be advised to stay home, but once it feels safe to and we can recommence communal worship I will do so. I hope and pray that it isn't long until we can all be together.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to email me or call me if you need a chat or are concerned about anything. I may not be able to reply immediately but I will do so as soon as I can. Jill is also available if you would like to talk to her and her contact details are included below.

Please be assured of my prayers for you all by name at morning prayer.

With every blessing

Christine

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To Join the Sunday Service by Zoom please use the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84756879520?pwd=Nk1IZEJCTk1xUXpnZ25aM2t4a0g0UT09>

Meeting ID: 847 5687 9520

Passcode: 990598

To join by telephone call one of the numbers below and then use the same Meeting ID and Passcode as above when prompted.

0131 460 1196

0203 051 2874

0203 481 5237

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