

Dear Friends,

As we approach August, we are tentatively hopeful that we can enjoy the freedoms of life that we once enjoyed before we knew anything of Covid -19! For me, I am looking forward to catching up with family that I haven't seen since Christmas Eve 2019! I am also looking forward to some annual leave when I get to explore somewhere different. I am sure that you too, will have your own hopes for August. And, please stay safe! Although we are coming out of Lockdown we are entering the third phase of the pandemic. We still need to take care of ourselves and one another.

At Holy Trinity Church, we are excited to think that some of the restrictions are lifting however, we still want to take care of each other and so the PCC in consultation with the congregation have agreed

- **Social distancing:** ideally we would like to continue with social distancing within the church, unless some people want to form a bubble.
- **Singing:** That we would like to commence singing, but recognise that some do not, therefore we ask for those who would like to sing to sit closer to the front and to make use of the carpeted area in the North transept, those who do not wish to sing will need to sit towards the back of the church.
- **Masks:** to be worn when entering and leaving the building but can be removed once seated if you choose to remove them -this is for individual discernment.
- **Holy Communion** remains in one kind only with the president communicating people sitting in the pews.
- **Hand Sanitiser:** will continue to be offered upon entry and exiting the church, this is for your safety, Some people cannot use the hand gel- limited hand washing facilities are available.
- **Refreshments:** during August we will abstain from refreshments as we do not have enough space to socially distance from one another. Perhaps you can think of some other ways in which hospitality can be offered?

As from July 26th we have some new groups starting at Holy Trinity -a great opportunity to come and make new friends:

Soul Space on Mondays, 2-4 pm, this is open to everyone, a relaxed space where you can chat, not chat, bring a hobby, do a jigsaw, play a game. We hope to offer a sense of community by coming together and enjoy being in each other's company.

Welcome Wednesdays 2-4 pm, this is aimed at families to help break up the weeks of the holidays – it's a chance to explore Bible stories whilst having fun with games, craft, singing. We have limited spaces: booking is essential -you can attend any session, book in for one or all of them; children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Our **ECO Church team** are holding their first ECO event on 7th August to which all are welcome -come and discover various ways in which we can become better stewards of God's Creation by making small changes to the way we live, work, shop, plant.

We will also be resuming our regular **table top sales** on the **first Saturday each month**, if you wish to book a table come and speak with Garth Brocksopp on the day.

I look forward to seeing you soon,

Grace and peace,

Rev Caroline Husband