

Since Lockdown March 2020

Since our church buildings first closed in March, we have had regular virtual Sunday morning services on Zoom, which gradually more people have felt confident to join. Though we acknowledge there are still some for whom this type of worship is hard to engage with. There has also been regular contact with members of our congregations via email and telephone conversations so that all our regular members could stay updated with current happenings. We have also continued our prayer-chain requests, held a virtual home group and each Saturday morning the prayer group gathers via WhatsApp. The Whats App group has become a valuable support mechanism for those who use it. St John the Baptist and St Andrew's Churches have continued to have regular PCC meetings, whilst the past 12 months has highlighted the very delicate nature of St George's Church and how it has, for a while, been supported by the wider benefice. A virtual youth group meeting has taken place on Thursday evenings since September which is well received by those who join in. We have learnt that we need to focus on what we can do rather than what we can't and even managed a virtual Christingle service with 25 youngsters and their families participating!