

Dear Friends,

12th June 2020

Welcome to Ordinary Time! Lent, Easter, Ascensiontide, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday are over and now it's the green season of the liturgical year which we call 'ordinary'. What does ordinary mean in these extraordinary times? We've been saying for months that 'unprecedented' is being used to an 'unprecedented' extent. Many of us have settled into new routines of distancing and what's possible is evolving all the time, and yet there is so much we miss.



The church buildings at St Peter and St Paul and St Mary's Ballinger will be open for private prayer at some stage during the week beginning 15 June. There is quite a lot of preparation to do as no-one has been allowed in for three months. Please check the website, Facebook or village notice boards for further details. Please sanitise your hands both when entering and leaving the building and follow the distancing guidelines. St Peter and St Paul will be open approximately 9am-5pm each day. If you'd like to visit Little Hampden Church please contact Tricia or the parish office.

Our Christ the Redeemer banner is up in St Peter and St Paul. Many people have been grateful to Jane Coulson for this after seeing photos and we know you will love seeing the original in all its detail. You can collect your own small copy from church or the packet attached to the outside of the parish office

door at 2 Walnut Close, Great Missenden.

Rainbows are our sign of hope, covenant and welcome to all and are so important in the pandemic. Brenda Harris is asking for 4 inch knitted or crocheted squares in one rainbow colour to create a large rainbow on the pulpit and you can find all the details in the newsheet or from the parish office.



Black Lives Matter is creating a new focus on justice and encouraging us to examine the narratives we live within. Eleanor James, one of our youth group leaders, created a video and posters about Black Lives Matter and you can find the details at www.missendenchurch.org.uk/video Eleanor is setting up an opportunity to meet online on Monday evening to read and discuss more about Black Lives Matter and the newsheet has full details. David and Brenda Harris have included poetry by black authors in the series of occasional lunchtime readings on Facebook and at www.missendenchurch.org.uk/occasionalreadings

Our usual pattern of worship, prayer and activity continues including 8am, 10am and 6pm Sunday services livestreamed at www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch and the option of phoning in to listen to audio only by contacting David Harris on 01494 868 237. Do get in touch if you'd like a chat, a prayer or help. We will write again soon.

With our love and prayers,

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