

Dear Friends,

26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

We have received so many messages of delight and relief that St Peter and St Paul and St Mary's Ballinger are open for private prayer. Little Hampden Church will be open for private prayer 10am-4pm on alternate Sundays very soon.



Soon, small weddings and weekly services will be possible inside the church buildings.

We're waiting for detailed guidance from the government and the central church



coronavirus recovery group about the parameters. We know that both

worship in person and online (with telephone access) will be needed,

but how and what and where and when are very much up for discussion. This is an opportunity to re-imagine what worship and gathering as the body of Christ might look like in this odd context, so please do let us know your thoughts. What would you value? What have you discovered during these last months that you'd like us to keep? Wacky or traditional, new or ancient, please do let us know.

This Sunday is our Patronal Festival at St Peter and St Paul and our celebrations include the following:

- a congregational video with lots of familiar faces will be online from 7am
- Prayer Book Communion at 8am and 10am Parish Communion livestreamed at [www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch](http://www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch).
- Our Making and Praising children's group meeting at 10.45am on Zoom – contact us or Chloe for details
- Distanced garden party at church from 2pm - please contact one of us to book your time slot – bring your own mug and we will provide tea and cake (napkins provided – please bring your own plate and fork if preferred).
- Patronal Evensong is like no worship we have had since March! Featuring organ, piano, singing, prayers, readings and a reflection from lots of people's gardens, liturgy from church and even a special something from the choir. It will be uploaded by 6pm on Sunday Facebook and the website at [www.missendenchurch.org.uk/video](http://www.missendenchurch.org.uk/video) To phone in to listen to audio from our services, contact David Harris on 01494 868 237.

Do get in touch if you'd like a chat, a prayer or help. We will write again next week.

With our love and prayers,

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