

Dear Friends,

10th July 2020

Throughout these last few months, meeting again has been mentioned a lot. We can now meet again to worship God in the church building, and also online and telephone access services continue.

We're planning Evensong at St Peter and St Paul's on Sunday 12 July at 6pm and you're welcome to join us online or in person in church if you're symptom-free and able to come. Please could you let one of us know if you plan to come, so we can get the distancing right? Shorter than usual, there will be organ music and a single singer at a distance, prayers and readings and the liturgy we know and love. Plus hand sanitiser, physical distancing, and a request to fill the front pews first and leave from the back first. Coffee or wine after services will come in time: chatting outside will be the new normal for now. As before lockdown, the collection plate will stay by the door, with contactless card safest, and cheques and cash also possible. You're of course welcome to wear a face covering. We're hoping to have a Parish Communion service at St Peter and St Paul's at 10am on Sunday 19 July, and then planning to have one service in church each Sunday during July and August (alternating 8am, 10am and 6pm), and all three services continuing online every Sunday. We'll aim to stream the services in church live, but if the internet connection is too poor we will upload it as soon as we can afterwards. Obviously in these times nothing can be certain and we will have a lot to learn as we start to re-boot.

Distancing means it will be a while before we can hold services inside Little Hampden Church or St Mary's Ballinger for more than a handful of people, but we have a pre-recorded Communion service from Little Hampden going live on Sunday at 11.30am on Facebook at www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch and at www.missendenchurch.org.uk/video Maybe you saw our tour of St Mary's complete with Gerard's accordion playing drawing an appreciative crowd?



Some of the MAP children have joined David's team of poetry readers and they chose some cracking rhymes – see Facebook or www.missendenchurch.org.uk/occasionalreadings

We're having a quiz! Katie Shuster and Sam Howells are working together to bring you an evening of fun and brain teasing and you can join in online or by phone on Friday 24 July. See the newsheet for full details.

Our ribbons of hope on the bridge over the A413 to church have drawn a lot of enthusiasm in the 'Your Prestwood & Great Missenden' Facebook group. Everyone is welcome to add a ribbon as a sign of hope, positivity and prayer.

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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