

Dear Friends,

14th August 2020



Wow it has been hot! I hope you've been able to enjoy it and/or find ways to keep cool. August often has space in it for reflecting and making sense of where we are in life's pilgrimage and the ways Jesus being with us has significance. And yet in this odd year you may well have already done plenty of this. One of the reflections about worship with reduced participation by proximity and singing and coffee is a peaceful, contemplative opportunity may open up.

This Sunday 16th there is Evensong in church at 6pm and you are welcome to come, to sing in your heart, to be part of the liturgy and to appreciate the music making on our behalf. The 8am and 10am Communion services will be live streamed from clergy homes as usual, and we will upload Evensong online after the service. Our short Morning Prayer on Mondays at 9.30am, Thought for the Day on Wednesdays at 9.30am and short Evening Prayer on Fridays at 5pm continue at



www.facebook.com/greatmissendenchurch and you can find all our worship and reflections at www.missendenchurch.org.uk/video

All your suggestions and ideas about how we are doing church in this new situation are welcome and we're grateful for all the help being volunteered. Within a week or two we plan to review and publish a service schedule for September, and rota requests will likely flow from that.



Look out for the beautiful poetry readings which David Harris has been organising with many familiar voices reading – they're at www.missendenchurch.org.uk/poetry and go on Facebook on Thursdays. Chris Nickless is setting up some more socially distanced walks – longer and shorter – and details will be available soon. Eleanor James has planned a further anti-racism discussion for 1st September at 6pm on Zoom – full details are on the newsheet and we're encouraged to read or watch Marjorie Blackman's 'Noughts and Crosses'.

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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