

Church Services - Sunday 25th July - St James' Day

'But in humility consider others as more important than yourselves'.
Philippians 2:3

Dear Friends,

I write today having returned from some days on retreat. These times are always surprising in the ways in which you bump into your own worries and concerns, and the ways in which you become aware of what God might just be saying.

I very quickly became aware of the pressure placed upon us as churches to respond to the relaxation of various Covid measures. The national guidance has placed the responsibility and ultimate decision making upon the incumbent (Rector) to work things out in their own context. This feels a weighty and important task and one that upon reflection needn't be rushed. With being away I haven't had the chance to liaise with local colleagues, or indeed our Church Wardens for their thoughts and suggestions which is of course vital.

Therefore, to allow some time for this to happen, services this Sunday will look very similar to the past months. The only small change that I am suggesting is that people should feel able to remove face coverings once they are seated (much like in restaurants and pubs these past few months). The opportunity remains to socially distance, and people shouldn't feel uncomfortable about doing this and I ask that we are mindful of each other. I will continue to wear a face covering to prepare Communion which will be distributed in the same way as it has been.

9am - Turnworth (Rev'd Ruth Wells preaching)

10:30am - Milton Abbas (Rev'd Ruth Wells preaching)

10:30am - Zoom (Sue Litchfield Preaching)

Yours In Christ

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