

30th June 2020

Hello everyone, with things beginning to get back to a more manageable state we are hoping to have a Standing Committee meeting soon and then perhaps a PCC in the not too distant future. We shall look at how we have managed the lockdown situation and also consider how we manage the move out of it in a way that is safe for everyone. We shall have to see what the Diocese recommends in this regard and about the holding of an APCM.

When the lockdown first began, I thought that it would only be for a relatively short few weeks but that proved to be very naïve indeed. Silly me. We have, however, come this far in reasonable shape. Our communications seem to be working quite well and for the most part, people have felt that their contact with the Church family has been good. As with all things though, I'm sure it could have been better. Our services had to move online, of course, and although it was a steep learning curve for some of us, we seem to have been able to produce passable worship for the most part. I would particularly like to thank the Choir and John our organist, for their amazing efforts to provide us with music on Sundays, it really has made a difference. We have also had the benefit of people recording readings and prayers which helped take the strain off me.

I imagine that as we grope our way back to 'normality' we shall have to endure some odd and even difficult passages of transition but I hope that we shall bear with it as we seek to emerge from these difficult days. I thank you for your continued support, help and friendship and look forward to seeing you all 'for real' in the future.

Tom

And finally...A Yorkshireman wanted an inscription on his wife's gravestone to read "She was Thine". The engraver mistakenly put "She was Thin". The man wrote saying they had missed out the 'E'. The next effort read: "E, she was Thin".

Sent by Canon Tom Page

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