

11<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Greetings dear friends, attached this week are the Hymn for Sunday (for those at home), the readings, information and updates and, for those who are new to this group a copy of the order of service for Sundays in lockdown.

With the continued easing of restrictions by the government it's easy to think that the worst of this current epidemic is over, however, we do still need to be vigilant, not only for our own sakes but for others too. There is still a sense of the 'me first' culture that was prevalent in the 1980's that worries me somewhat and that, in times like these, can make for dangerous behaviour. By that I mean, not considering the health and wellbeing of others if we are OK ourselves. I'm not suggesting that that, in any way, reflects most of us but there are elements in the community that don't seem to have any concept of how dangerous a situation we are still in. However well I feel and however little I have been personally affected by the current situation, it is important that I still take care to behave responsibly. Society needs us to do the 'right things' at this time. However daft I may look, or however uncomfortable I may feel, wearing a mask, it is still a sensible thing to do in shops and other enclosed public spaces and it demonstrates a certain amount of consideration for others. I trust we will all 'do our bit'.

On another note, welcome to our new recipients of these e-pistles, I hope that they may be helpful, or at least amusing as we continue on this journey together.

Please remember to let me know if you are coming to church on Sunday so that we may manage the space effectively. We still have room!

And finally...The young daughter of a priest asked her mum: "Why does daddy pray to God before he preaches?" Her mum replied: "He asks God to help him". The girl frowned and said: "Why doesn't he then?"

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