

7th July 2020

Hello all. It was lovey to join so many people to see Julia licensed as a lay worker in the parish of AwAS yesterday. Unusually, of course, many of us had to view the service on Zoom as it took place in Geneva! This is not common but because of the current travel restrictions and the fact that Julia and her family haven't moved to England yet, it was an inventive way to fulfil the legal requirements before Julia's ordination.

AwAS was well represented and there were others from a number of places as well as actually in the church of Holy Trinity. There was an excellent sermon by the Rev'd. Carolyn Cooke and lovely music from the choir. They clearly love Julia and are very sad to see her leave. We shall be receiving a very gifted person into our parish and I hope we shall be able to make the most of her gifts and skills. It will certainly be an interesting challenge for all of us as we seek to worship together and minister to our parish in these unusual times.

We shall be in church again on Sunday for those who wish to attend but I would remind those who are 'shielding', that they should continue to do so for the time being. I attach a copy of our protocols for attending the Sunday Mass which is in place for your safety and that of others.

I am aware that there were teething problems last Sunday and thanks to those who have offered suggestions for improvements and technical help, much appreciated by this amateur!

Tom

And finally...C. H. Spurgeon, whilst preaching one Sunday said:

" I don't mind people looking at their watches, but I do dislike to see them holding them to their ears to see if they are still going".

Canon Tom Page

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