



Hi everyone

I know I've said this before, but I'll say it again; I am so proud of how we have responded to a truly awful situation. We have lost a lot and we need to acknowledge the hurt, but we have gained and learnt so much too. Thank you for the support that you have offered to each other, for the practical assistance and thank you to those who have worked hard at online worship keeping us connected to God and to each other.

As lockdown eases the government and the Church of England have given permission for worship services to begin again. To be able to do this we must be able to create a safe environment and be compliant with the guidelines.

We know that not everyone can or will want to come back to services straight away; the recommendation for those who are shielding is that a return is not advisable at this stage. We know that church won't be the same as it was before as there are certain precautions that we will have to put in place. With that in mind, and because of the lessons that we have learnt over the past few months about building community online, we will be balancing worship in church with online services over July and August. We will review in August with a view to getting back to a more normal pattern in September.

From the 19th July we will alternate services in church with a pre-recorded service online. We will be cutting down the 8am Traditional Communion services to 2 or 3 a month (please rest assured that as soon as we are back to a more normal pattern in church there will be weekly 8am services at St John's, we have no plans to cut this long term.) Every service in church will also be live streamed.

The schedule will look like this

19 th July @ 8am	Online - Traditional Holy Communion	
19th July @ 10am	Service of Holy Communion	St John's
19th July @ 2.30pm	Outdoor All Age Service	St John's
26 th July @ 10am	Online – Pre-recorded Morning Worship with music	
2 nd Aug @ 8am	Online – Traditional Holy Communion	
2nd Aug @ 10am	Service of Holy Communion	St Luke's
9 th Aug @ 10am	Online – Pre-recorded Morning Worship with music	
16 th Aug @ 8am	Online – Traditional Holy Communion	
16th Aug @ 10am	Service of Holy Communion	St John's

16th Aug @ 2.30pm

Outdoor All Age Service

St John's

23rd Aug @ 10am

Online – Pre-recorded Morning Worship with music

30th Aug @ 10am

Online – Pre-recorded MMU service with Galleywood and Widford

Both churches will continue to be open for private prayer during July and August. St Luke's is open from 2 till 4pm Wednesday and St John's 2 till 4pm Thursday.

We are in the process of producing a 'what to expect' document which gives further details on what church will be like when we return, please keep an eye out for that.

Thank you to those who have worked so hard to allow this to happen and to all of you for bearing with us!

Every Blessing

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