

Dear Friends

We hope that you are keeping well and adapting to the changes that seem to be continually thrust upon us. It so often feels like one step forward and two back. But at church we continue to move forward with an increased number of Services and we are thankful for the good weather which has meant people have been able to have socially-distanced chats outside after the service. We are now having Holy Communion services at 10am each Sunday, alternating between Holy Trinity and St John's. To ensure we can offer a safe space for everyone we are limiting numbers and you need to book your place through the church office. You can reach Bev Ramsey on 2490377. On the first Sunday of each month there will be an 8am Book of Common Prayer Eucharist at St John's. There is no need to reserve a place in advance for that service, at least for the moment. Café church is also re-starting and anyone interested in that should contact Philippa on 07818153581. The churches continue to be open for private prayer but now with a revised schedule. Holy Trinity will be open Mondays and Wednesdays 10.15-12.15 and on Sunday morning when there isn't a service from 10am to 11am. St John's will now only be open on Thursday mornings 10.15am - 12.15pm, these opening times are constantly being reviewed. We have started to hold Morning Prayer on zoom again on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. These will be recorded and posted on FaceBook and the Church's website. So, although things have not returned to the old normal, we are tentatively moving forward. We assure you that your safety is paramount to us and we will only do things when we are certain that we are as safe as we possibly can be.

Last Sunday the "Community Friendship Quilt" was on show in Holy Trinity church. You might remember that back in April, during those first few weeks of lockdown when we found ourselves suddenly separated from our friends and church family, the McDonough family had the idea to make a Community Friendship Quilt, as a reminder that we are all part of a community, even when we are unable to meet physically. People from both parish churches and from the local community contributed squares and Beth McDonough stitched them all together. Thank you to everyone who contributed but a special thank you to Beth for both masterminding the project and bringing the finished article in to being. It is truly beautiful!

The photograph does not do it justice so please do pop into church when it's open for private prayer to have a look if you get a chance. It will go on display in St John's shortly.

We pray that you will continue to stay safe. Please remember to let us know if there is anything we can do to help.

With every blessing from your ministry team.

Peter, Angie, Ian and Gerrie.

