

It's hard to believe that September will be here soon, with the many things that will restart as schools go back. I often find this time of year nostalgic as it is a time of change and new beginnings. But more so this year as activities in our church halls begin again, some of which stopped in March last year. In this time of 'new beginning', let us pray for all who will be beginning something new, or restarting after a gap.

*Litany of Reconciliation* - The International Litany of Reconciliation will take place on Friday 3 September at 11 am UK time on Zoom. Here is the link:

<https://zoom.us/j/881976123?pwd=MVFmQ1Rxb0Y2Y0dZnWcrT2M1V01oQT09>

We will next say the on Thursday 16 September at 12 noon.

*Morning prayer on Zoom* will restart on Monday 6 September at 9.30 am and will be held weekly from then on Mondays and Thursdays using the same Zoom link as for our Sunday services. *Morning prayer* will continue to be said at St. Johns at 9am on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Both churches will continue to be open on for private prayer.

*Midweek communion* will start in October initially on a once-a-month basis. Further information to follow in the next newsletter.

**St. John's lunch club** is hoping to restart as soon as possible. Over the summer, it has been offering coffee mornings weekly on Thursdays to a reduced number of participants. But it has a problem which threatens its future. Several volunteer helpers can no longer help, including Liz Thompson who cooked and coordinated the lunch club. The council pays for funding for transport and hall hire when lunches are provided, but not for coffee mornings. Lunches can only be served if they have enough volunteers to work on a rota to set up, cook, serve and clear away. So they are urgently appealing for more volunteers to enable them to resume lunches on a regular basis. If you can help, or you know someone who may like to join in with this worthwhile and rewarding venture, and would like to find out more, please contact Bob Eastwood on 2352501 or email [robertrwestwood@btinternet.com](mailto:robertrwestwood@btinternet.com)

**Hot off the press from the PCC!!** The parish profile has now been drafted and the wardens have received some helpful input about the vision for our church. At the PCC meeting on Tuesday 24 August, Associate Archdeacon Chris Stebbing gave helpful guidance and information about the process and helped us move towards finalising the parish profile. Two parish representatives were elected by the PCC - Liz Frost and Vanessa Boddye. They will be on the interview panel for the new priest-in-charge and are there to represent the views of the parish. As we think about the future of our parish at this time, our parish prayer is particularly pertinent:

*Heavenly Father,  
We thank you for our parish;  
for all that has been,  
for all that is now,  
and for all that is to come.  
Bless and guide all that we do  
now and in the future  
as we seek to serve you  
as the body of Christ in this place  
and share your love for all. Amen*

With warm wishes, Angie