

Dear all,

Have you ever lost your house keys or experienced that moment when you thought you had locked yourself out of your house? How did you resolve the situation? In the first few months of our marriage, I used to ask Julie regularly 'Where are my keys?' — initially she thought I was 'blaming her', but Julie soon learned that it was just me thinking 'out loud'! These days I have a 'safe place' where I leave my keys...though even that isn't foolproof!

Church News:

Sunday 2 August

This Sunday, the Archdeacon of Bedford, Dave Middlebrook will be preaching to us via a video on what is perhaps the least known of Jesus' I am sayings 'I am the gate'. Do join us for this.

To prepare for this Sunday's service, you may like to read this poem **by clicking here.**

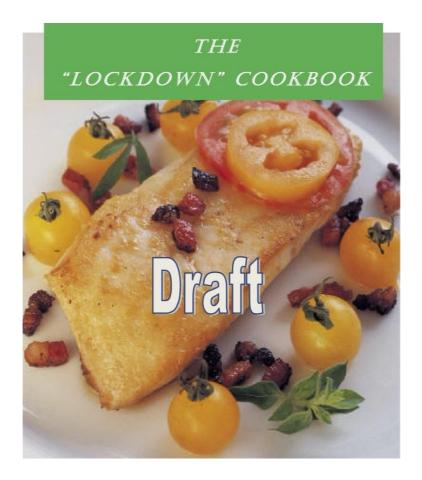
This Sunday is also our first Sunday back with a congregation in St Mary's Church Building – if you want to attend and haven't **booked a ticket online yet**, **please do by clicking this link** – at the time of writing this, there was still space! Our social distancing signage inside the church is unique to us - come and see it!

If you're watching online, please join us for Zoffee and Zea - a time of fellowship chatting with each other using Zoom. To join this time of fellowship, please contact me (vicar@eatonsocon.org)

For the time being, our Sunday Service will continue to be a 'hybrid' service, combining different elements from both our usual morning services, and will start at 10am. In the Autumn we hope to offer more Sunday morning services, so do watch this space!

Weekly Challenge

This week's challenge is to send us a photo of a door or entrance way. Do send to **Jenny@barrett.cc** by **Saturday 1 August 12noon**, which will then be included in Sunday's Service.



• 'Lockdown' Recipe Book

What recipes have you used and enjoyed during the recent lockdown? We'd love to put together a recipe book containing your favourite recipes for printing and selling to the church and further afield!!

The proposal is to divide this book into 4 sections:

- Starters and Accompaniments
- Main Courses
- Desserts
- Teatime

Send your recipe(s) to **brianelliott1948@gmail.com** together with:

- Recipe Title
- Number of people it serves
- Ingredients & Directions
- Your name (or the name of the person submitting it)`

Any questions please contact Brian on the above email address!

With every prayer and blessing,

Tim Vicar, St Mary's Eaton Socon