



Dear all,

On Sunday, Ray Porter challenged us to get closer to creation and to do some gardening. How passionate are you about gardening? One of the hidden benefits of the current situation is that Julie and I have been able to spend some of our 'down time' sorting the Vicarage garden out – at present we're resowing parts of the lawn and next Spring there's going to be plenty of planting to do too...then it will be time to sort out the garden on the driveway side of the house...!

The point is gardening is a gradual work – it doesn't happen overnight – commitment and patience are two characteristics needed for gardening. This is also true of our Lord and Saviour. Not only is He completely committed to us, but he is also patient with us...much more than we ever deserve!

As lockdown measures continue, can I encourage you to look after your spiritual garden and let the Lord lead, guide and transform your life. He is the one who gives us true hope – He is the one who loves us beyond measure – He is the one who wants us to fulfil our God-given potential and for us to grow into the faithful followers He is calling us to be. So what will your response be?

Church News:

- **NEW Family at Home Resources**

Do look out these great new resources and the Fortnightly Children's Challenge [by clicking here.](#)

- **Weekly Diocesan Service**

This service can now be found on the Service Resources website page that you can access [by clicking here.](#)

- **Recipe Book**

What home cooked meals have you enjoyed most during the lockdown? What about sharing these with the church? Let's get our tastebuds going and share our favourite recipes by sending them to brianelliott1948@gmail.com **What could you surprise us with?**

- **Zoffee and Zea**

Zoffee and Zea will be taking a break for now – do watch out for news of other opportunities to meet up online coming shortly.

- **Church's Annual Meeting (APCM)**

This is now rescheduled for **Sunday 4 October at 11.15am** after the 10am service. People can attend either in person or via Zoom online - further details will be available closer to the time. To view last year's report and the meeting agenda etc, please [click on this link](#). Paper copies are still available in the Church.

The Electoral Roll is once again open for revisions - if you checked your details earlier this year, you're fine. If you want to check or confirm your details, please email pccsec@eatonsocon.org

Under Aslan's Paw,

Tim

Vicar, St Mary's Eaton Socon