



Dear all,

Last weekend, Julie and I travelled to Edinburgh to take a Christening. Choosing to drive, the weather was perfect driving weather, that showed off the changing landscapes at their best – the rolling countryside and lots of sheep (I think I saw more sheep in Scotland than I've ever seen in New Zealand!) - even the Sea was a beautiful dark blue!

As I reflect on this journey made, the hymn 'How great thou art' comes to mind with the words:

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
consider all the works Thy hand hath made.*

The wonder and awesomeness of creation should point us all to our most amazing Creator God, and our response to God should be one of *How great Thou art!*

This week, can I encourage you to stop for a moment, to pause and to look afresh at the world that God has placed us in and to then proclaim anew *How great Thou art!*

Church News:

- **Family at Home Resources**

Families and Young People – check out your latest challenge **by clicking [here](#)**. Entries need to be sent to cfcw@eatonsocon.org by Wednesday 23rd September.

- **Recipe Book – Last Call!**

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?**

- **Weekday Ministry Developments**

Earlier this week, the Churchwardens decided to close the Private Prayer sessions in Church with immediate effect, as it appears demand for these has now 'run its course'.

The good news is that as from 30 September, we will be restarting our **Wednesday Weekly Traditional Communion Service**.

This will take place at its usual time of 9am, last for around 45 minutes and will held in the Nave of the Church. To book your tickets, [please click here](#).

We regret we are unable to live-stream this service at this time, but as the AV Team grows, who knows what will be possible...! If you would be willing to learn how to operate a video camera, please do contact me.

- **Job Opportunities at The Stables Christian Centre, Bolnhurst**

As we emerge from lockdown, The Stables Christian Centre, run by members of St Mary's have two part time job vacancies:

[Garden and Outdoor Activities Co-ordinator](#)

[Kitchen Co-ordinator](#)

Click on either to find out more information

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

This is 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 next week. To view last year's report and the meeting agenda etc, please [click on this link](#). Paper copies are still available in the Church.

Under Aslan's Paw,

Tim

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