



Dear all,

This week, St Mary's has taken two significant steps towards resuming a more recognizable pattern of life. The first was the Church Administrator and Vicar's PA return from furlough to their normal working hours (hooray!) – thanks for their understanding and support during this time. The second was the return of the Wednesday 9am Holy Communion Service – it was lovely to see people attending services in the church building again.

The next step forward we take is on **Sunday 23rd May** (Pentecost) when people can start attending Sunday services once again – bookings open on Tuesday next week, so do join me for this. This will be followed by the Spaces in Church. Originally scheduled for late May, the Spaces will now be available from **Tuesday 22nd June**. This extra time has been needed to help refine the Spaces and ensure the material (mostly written 'in house') is ready for people to use!

As we move forward together, we need to be aware that people are at different stages. Some are exhausted whilst others are feeling energetic and raring to go! If you're wondering why some things are starting sooner than others, it's because church life needs to be gradually rebuilt – we will get there together, but it is a journey!

At the same time, we rejoice that there are various projects being taken forward, for example, the Kitchen. Thank-you for your support so far – we are over 60% of the way there! Projects such as this will help to reshape the life of the church in different ways – all in all, we live in exciting days. What part will you play in all of these things?

With every blessing,

Rev'd Timothy Robb

Church News:

- **Revised Roadmap**

In light of the success of the Government's Covid Vaccination Programme and the falling rates of infection, [please click here](#) to view St Mary's revised Roadmap. Do note that the launch of the Spaces has been rescheduled for Tuesday 22nd June.

- **Thy Kingdom Come 13th – 23rd May**

Visit the [Thy Kingdom Come website](#) for more information about this forthcoming event.

On the Church Website can be found two resources for Thy Kingdom Come – a guide to Praying the Psalms and a Prayer Journal. Do make use of these by [clicking here](#).

- **Kitchen Update**

Over £12,000 of the £20,000 needed has been given towards this project so far – thank-you for your support. To continue supporting this project please [click here](#).

- **World Mission Updates**

[Click here](#) to read the latest World Mission news from both Mano Emmanuel and the Hursts.

- **A Bug Hotel in the Churchyard!**

James Faulkner is assembling a bug hotel in the Churchyard as part of the Creation Care Group's work and is looking for material to help build homes for insects and beetles of all sorts. Please visit [this web page](#) for more information.

- **Another Churchyard development...**

A new flower bed has just been created against the Church Hall wall, near to the Circle of Remembrance. We want to plant it out, mostly with tall perennials – plants that will stay in place for several years and help to 'soften' the bare brick wall. If you would like to donate a plant or two, please contact Roger Peppiatt via email creationcare@eatonsocon.org

- **Sunday Services**

Do join us for this week's service at 10am on Facebook or YouTube.

After the service, please join us on Zoom for 'Zoffee and Zea' for a time of catching up with each other at 11:45am.

Under Aslan's paw,
Tim - Vicar, St Mary's Eaton Socon