



Dear all,

When you're facing conflict, what is your response? Do you deal with it positively? Do you try and 'sweep it under the carpet? Or do you protest saying 'It's not fair'? Last Sunday, Julie started her sermon saying 'It's not fair!' - said with great passion and animation, it woke everyone up!

All of us should be able to identify with this attitude because it's an attitude prevalent throughout humanity and time, including the lives of those we read of in Scripture. Using Acts 6, Julie helped us understand that when we face conflict in our churches like the early Church did (and we will), it is essential that we deal with it 'head on' and find solutions. If we don't, then people will simmer and fester, leading to even bigger challenges. Acts 6 teaches us that addressing conflict enables the Church to go from strength to strength.

Because all our lives have been impacted by the Pandemic (do make use of the Spaces on offer in Church), the ways in which people serve the church will look and sound different in the days ahead – this is to be expected.

However, as Julie reminded us on Sunday: *All followers of the Lord Jesus Christ are in full-time Christian ministry—none of us are exempt. We are 'unique unrepeatable miracles' with 'unique unrepeatable ministries' and all are valued and all matter in the church. Your ministry matters to St Mary's.*

There is no such thing as 'Spectator Christianity' – all of us are called to serve in different ways, according to the season of life we are in. So what will your response be? How are YOU going to serve St Mary's in the days ahead? WE NEED YOU!

With every blessing
Tim

Church News:

- **Sunday Service**

This Sunday do join us for this at 10am in person, on Facebook or YouTube! [Click here](#) to book your tickets for Sunday's Service and next week's Wednesday Service.

- **Forthcoming Events**

We had planned a number of events, including Family events for July, however with the continuing restrictions, we have put these on hold. At this stage it looks like things will resume in September – do keep watching out for details!

- **Spaces to Remember, Reflect and Recover**

These are now available as follows:

- Tuesdays (including Craft Space) & Wednesdays 10am-12noon
- Fridays (including Art Space) & Sundays 2pm-4pm

If you're able to help as an usher, please contact Alli by [clicking here](#).

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