



Dear all,

What did Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July mean for you? Dubbed 'Freedom Day', Monday was the day that signalled the ending of the social restrictions in England. Yet in many ways, it isn't the end because the rising number of infections (but lower deaths) is still a concern for many – as such we need to ensure that St Mary's continues to be a place that people feel safe visiting. So what changes have we made?

- **Hand Sanitiser** will still be available as you enter the church and everyone is encouraged to make use of this
- **Face coverings** will no longer be required, however if people wish to wear one, you can. There will continue to be a supply of these available.
- Our '**Track & Trace**' system will continue to the end of August, so people will still book in as usual or have their name and contact details taken at the door.
- If you wish to **keep the seat beside you free** to give you the space you feel most comfortable with, Red/White coloured 'Cross Cards' will be available.
- The current **Church Seating spacing** will remain (i.e. socially distanced) and will be reviewed in September.
- The **one-way system** will continue to be used and reviewed in September.
- **Singing in Church** either with or without masks is now allowed – please consider those around you when singing (i.e. do avoid 'Football style singing!')
- **Holy Communion** will continue to be administered using the disposable individual sets that will be brought to your seat.

We hope that all these measures will help everyone to feel safe when visiting St Mary's. If you have any questions, please do contact me.

With every blessing  
Tim

## Church News:

- **Easing of Social Restrictions**

Please read the letter above to learn of the easing of social restrictions at St Mary's. Any questions, please contact me.

- **Short Questionnaire about St Mary's for an A Level Project**

One of our Young People is doing an A Level project focused on St Mary's Church Eaton Socon and its importance in creating a sense of place in Eaton Socon. If you haven't had an opportunity to complete this, please [click this link](#) to complete it as soon as possible. Thanks.

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

Do visit and make use of the Spaces 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](#).

- **Doing Science in the Open Air Challenge**

Do you want to contribute some serious science while walking or sitting outside in the open air for 15 minutes? The [Big Butterfly Count](#) is running for the next couple of weeks until 8th August, and is inviting everyone to join in. They provide a chart to tell your Comma from your Painted Lady, and you do it either on paper or with your phone. Have a go in your garden, and in the Churchyard!

- **Sunday Service**

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

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