

Dear all,

As we approach July 19, anticipation is building in so many people that our lives will soon resemble life before the pandemic. Whilst this will bring greater liberties, it will also bring new responsibilities. Whatever emerges will not only impact our daily lives, but also our Churches and what it means to be Church. So, let me ask you, what are you looking forward to? What are you anxious about?

Here at St Mary's, we continue to follow our Roadmap, making necessary changes along the way in response to the Government's directions. We had hoped to launch a range of Family Events and other Services & Events in July, but the continuing restrictions has meant these have been delayed to the Autumn. This means September is going to be a very busy month – the first thing we'll be doing is restoring the two Sunday Services from 5th September.

Throughout the pandemic, we have brought our Sunday Services together into a combined weekly act of worship. Together we have shared in the different expressions of worship that enriches the life of St Mary's. Yes, we will all have our own preferences of how we like to worship, but we need to remember that true worship is about worshipping God for who He is and what He has done for us. Yes, it can help worshipping with the familiar, but God is so much bigger and more multi-faceted than our minds can comprehend!

As such, let me invite you on a journey of exploration as we open up not only our Sunday morning Services soon, but also begin to develop other expressions of worship from September – as Dr Suess once said in a different context 'You may like them. You will see.'

With every blessing Tim

Church News:

• Sunday Service

This Sunday do join us for this at 10am for a Communion Service either in person, on Facebook or YouTube! <u>Click here</u> to book your tickets for Sunday's Service and next week's Wednesday Service.

• Creation Care

During the recent national week entitled, "Churches Counting on Nature", we joined about 500 other church groups in surveying the wonderful nature in our churchyard, the result of which can be found by <u>clicking here</u>.

• 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.

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