

A message from our Vicar Richard Bodle

23 July 2020

Dear Friends,

As the good weather continues and holiday season begins, some of us may be feeling positive. On the other hand, with all that is going on and with so much uncertainty about the future, many of us might be struggling. The good news is that God does not insist that we are happy all the time, or ask us to deny our true feelings. In the book of Psalms, we find all kinds of human emotion, from joy to sorrow, and from thanks to anger and confusion. In the Psalms we see that we can be open with God about how we feel. We'll be looking at some of these over the coming Sundays, so do join us online.

Best wishes – Richard.

(Revd Richard Bodle - Vicar of Churt and Hindhead)

Restarting Benefice services in Church: We have highlighted in recent Newsheets the key considerations and restrictions in a return to holding services in Church. Taking these and the overriding safety and health issues into account we will hold a

Service of Holy Communion for the Benefice at 9.00am on Sunday 9th August at St Alban's

where the current space and social distancing required enables this to be managed safely in a larger building.

Following the holidays we will follow this with a

Service weekly for the Benefice at 9.00am from Sunday 6th September at St Alban's. The Online Sunday Services at 10.30am will also continue.

We will be finding our feet as we move forward and hope that Government and Church guidelines will enable us to re-commence services in the more restricted space at St John's if we are able to find suitable clergy cover.

Meanwhile, St. John's continues to be open weekly for individual private prayer for the whole Benefice.

The Team at St. John's

