



st John's
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Friday 24th September 2020

Dear All,

As Covid 19 remains with us, I do hope you are keeping safe. We are celebrating Harvest on Sunday 11th October and Wednesday 14th October -a wonderful opportunity to reflect and consider who God is and to praise him, despite all that has been happening, for his abiding presence and unfailing love.

On our Harvest Service Days we are holding a Gift Day. Your donations from the Gift Day will go to pay back the money we owe to the Diocese for our deferred quota payments for May, June, and July, £5238 and 10% of the donations will also go to First Base.

If you would like to give a donation, could you please use an envelope from your home, mark it Gift Day and either put it on the offertory plate in church, or if you are not able to attend church to post it to the Rectory or put it through the Rectory door, and I will ensure it is passed on to the Assistant to the Treasurer, Christopher Pierson-Harvey. If you are eligible to Gift Aid your donation and would like the church to reclaim the Gift Aid, then please mark the envelope clearly "Gift Aid" and either put your name on the front of the envelope or enclose with your donation.

In the very near future some of you, those who have authorised the church to reclaim Gift Aid on their giving, will receive a letter from Christopher, requesting confirmation of your continued eligibility for Gift Aid. This is something that we are required to do from time to time, and it is has been requested by our new Treasurer from Saint and Co.

On Sunday 4th October we are looking to livestream from the church to the church hall, to increase our seating capacity on Sunday mornings. If the technology works well, as I am sure it will, we will then live -stream online and obviously it will go on our webpage.

We are hoping to do some church activities online, eg a house-group, prayer meeting, meditation etc and so do please keep an eye on our webpage, face-book page, and on your email to see what is happening and whether you would like to participate or not.

Sadly, due to the present restrictions, I am only permitted to carry out visits to vulnerable, isolated, people requiring urgent pastoral support. However I am available to chat on the phone or on zoom, so please do not hesitate to call 01387 254126 or 07487653069. I would be delighted to hear from you. Thank you for continuing to keep in touch with one another. It is so important to encourage each other in these strange days.

Praying for you all at different times and I trust you will know God's presence, peace and hope.

Every Blessing,
Janice