

Dear friends,

We are now more than half-way through the current lockdown and are hopeful that it is having an impact on national and local transmission of COVID-19. All being well we will resume public worship on 3<sup>rd</sup> December but we will have to wait and see what tier Oxford / Oxfordshire will be in and the impact that has on plans for Christmas.

In the meantime, as you know, our church remains open for individual prayer from 9am to 6pm every day. Thank you to everyone who helps keep our building COVID-secure.

If you are reading this before Saturday then may I remind you that our Vestry Meeting to elect churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Zoom on 21<sup>st</sup> November at 10am. You can join the meeting in the usual way or find out how to join on the phone by contacting me before 9am on Saturday. Copies of all the papers are on the website or can be requested via email. It is now too late for hard copies to be delivered.

Liturgical resources continue to be provided for each Sunday in a number of ways:

- posted on the website and Facebook;
- sent out by Mailchimp if you are on the electronic mailing list;
- delivered to your door if this happened during the spring lockdown;
- hard copies available in the church from Friday morning.

Thank you to everyone who makes this happen, not least to the distributors. In the meantime please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need anything and we will try our best to respond.

The suspension of public worship is affecting us in all sorts of ways and one significant impact is on the St Andrew's Boat collection for the Salvation Army. However, there is a plan.

The boat is now out in church and will remain there until 13th December. Unwrapped gifts, for all ages, and also toiletries, can be placed in the boat at any time during this period, or brought to the Vicarage.

Alternatively you can visit <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/oxford> and choose from the Amazon gift list with items ranging from £3 upwards. There is also a Just Giving link to donate towards food vouchers. Your generosity to this annual appeal is legendary so please continue to support the work of the Salvation Army this Christmas.

Stay connected and keep safe.

With love,

Fr Darren