

The Benefice & Team Ministry of Tettenhall Wood and Perton

The Parish of Tettenhall Wood

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Dear Friends,

Happy Mothering Sunday to you all! As we give thanks for mothers everywhere, don't forget to pray for 'mother church' as we remain together in spirit and look forward to worshipping in person once more.

This week we have a sermon from Rev Carol, and intercessions by Richard Shreeve.

Readings: Exodus 2: 1-10 John 19: 25-27

Collect: *God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

I will move rapidly on to next week, 21st March, when we intend to relaunch worship in both our churches – 9.30 at Good Shepherd and 11.00 at Christ Church. For this week only, both services will be Morning Prayer, so as to ensure we have all our procedures correct before we celebrate Holy Communion once more.

As before, no one should feel obliged to attend in person. Seating capacity will still be reduced owing to the need for social distancing. Services online – website, YouTube, Facebook – on DVD and on paper will continue. In church, all the previous regulations must be followed scrupulously:

- As you arrive and depart, keep physical distance from those not of your household
- Use hand sanitizer as you come in
- Let your name be noted for track and trace purposes
- Sit at a designated place, distanced from others, and stay in that place through the service
- Keep your face covered at all times in the building (unless medically exempt from face masks)
- Do not start singing!
- Above all, **do not use this as an opportunity to socialise with people outside your household/bubble group**. This will be hard as we will see friends we have not met for a long time, but it is vital we all resist this temptation!

I have one other notice this week: There is currently the opportunity to join the Parish Electoral Roll; this allows members to vote at our Annual Meeting, which this year will be held on 25th April. If you have been joining with our worship over the last year (even if not in church) and are not already on the Roll, you can obtain an application form either from the Parish website christchurchtettenhallwood.co.uk or by ringing Ann Fulljames on 01902 425710. Completed forms need to be received back by 4th April.

May the God of hope, who gives us joy and peace in believing, bless and keep you this week.

Phil