

**The Benefice & Team Ministry of Tettenhall Wood and Perton**  
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Dear Friends,

It has been encouraging to see infection rates coming down, both nationally and locally. As a result, we have made a decision to resume public worship in both churches on **Sunday 21 March**, two weeks before Easter. The Church Wardens and others have a lot of work to do before then in reviewing risk assessments and safety precautions, which are required to be at least as stringent as before. I'll give fuller details next week: essentially, we must show Church will not become an occasion for social gathering in advance of the release of other restrictions.

As for **this week**, the third Sunday of Lent, I enclose a sermon from myself and intercessions from Jane Woolf.

Readings: Exodus 20: 1-17 John 2: 13-22

Collect: *Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Work on the audio-visual upgrade at Christ Church has gone very well this week. Once up and running, we will be able to record and stream services and events directly from church, enabling those who can't be there in person to join in at home. This work has been funded by a grant from Ibstock Enover, and by an extremely generous donation made in memory of David Sedgley. We are immensely grateful for both.

The sad news this week is of the death of Alan Cox (from Christ Church) Please remember Margaret in your prayers. On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> at Christ Church will be the funeral of Robin Martin, and then on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>, that of Ernie Thomas. Do pray for their families. Christ Church will not be open for private prayer on those days.

I've enclosed a letter from Lynn Treneary, our CMS link mission partner, who, as you'll see, has had to return from South Sudan once more. Please also keep her in your prayers.

May God bless you and keep you hopeful and health-full this week.

Phil