

## **The Benefice & Team Ministry of Tettenhall Wood and Perton**

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Dear Friends,

We are still waiting for the government's advisory group on places of worship to produce new guidelines for 19 July onwards, so I cannot at this stage give you any update about any planned changes. I am sure we will proceed with cautious steps of relaxation!

**This Sunday's Services:** Holy Communion at both churches – 9.30am at Good Shepherd, and 11.00am at Christ Church with Junior Church for children. Outdoor refreshments at Christ Church are weather dependent. Enclosed: sermon from Rev Carol and intercessions by Samantha Haughtey.

Readings:        2 Samuel 7: 1-14a                      Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

Collect:            *Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard seed,  
make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Live-streaming of the 11.00 service has now been successful for two weeks in a row, so we are cautiously optimistic that the teething problems have been solved. Thanks to all involved, and for the patience of those trying to use this service.

### **Midweek Services:**

ONLINE: Thursday Morning from 9.30am. This week (from 15 July), inspired by a painting of astronomer Nicolas Copernicus, I consider how engagement between faith and science can produce what amounts to a 'conversation with God'.

EVENING PRAYER: Friday afternoon at 5.00pm at Christ Church

MIDWEEK COMMUNION at Christ Church restarts this week, 9.30am on THURSDAY 22 JULY. All are welcome. We hope to restart the Sunday 8 o'clock from the beginning of August.

**Local Pilgrim Walk Sunday TODAY:** Meet 3.00pm at Christ Church for a gentle and reflective walk at your own pace to Good Shepherd for a short act of worship. Finish about 4.00pm.

**Eco-Church:** Of our near 30 responses to the environmental questionnaire, many had taken action over home energy, cutting down on heating, switching to green electricity or buying eco-friendly appliances. I read a challenge this week: if everyone turned down the thermostat by one degree this winter there would be a huge environmental benefit (and I think many shops and offices could go further than one degree!)

**'Reading Friends':** I've included a poster from Wolverhampton Libraries for what sounds like an excellent idea. Do pass it on to anyone who may be interested.

With every blessing for the week ahead.

Phil