

The Benefice & Team Ministry of Tettenhall Wood and Perton

The Parish of Tettenhall Wood

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Dear Friends,

Wardens and Clergy have spent the week assessing how best we move from the months of legal restrictions to the new age of voluntary responsible action. I am enclosing a sheet detailing our conclusions, which I hope represent a proper balance between caution and freedom. Three headlines:

- Social distancing stays, but with greater flexibility
- Face masks stay when social distancing is not possible
- Singing is allowed in quiet and prayerful manner

This Sunday's Services: Feast of St James the Apostle: Holy Communion at both churches – 9.30am at Good Shepherd, and 11.00am at Christ Church. Outdoor refreshments at Christ Church are weather dependent. Enclosed: sermon for St James' Day from myself and intercessions by Alison Cross.

Readings: Acts 11: 27 – 12: 2 Matthew 20: 20-28

Collect: *Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen*

Midweek Services:

ONLINE: Thursday Morning from 9.30am. This week (from 22 July), I look back on the final of the Euros and the furore at the racism that followed, and ask 'Who's to blame?'

MIDWEEK COMMUNION Thursday morning at 9.30am at Christ Church

EVENING PRAYER: Friday afternoon at 5.00pm at Christ Church

The Sunday 8 o'clock service is due to restart from the beginning of August.

Barbecue: We now have a date for the Parish Summer Barbecue – Saturday 14th August, from 6.00pm, at Good Shepherd. Please sign up on the lists in our churches. Donations to cover food costs requested on the day. Bring your own drinks. Please note that this will be a fairly basic barbecue (hotdogs, burgers etc) – a chance to catch up with people we haven't been able to talk to for a long time.

May God bless you, this week and always.

Phil