

[Letter to All Saints Church members from the Rev Jane Dunlop, dated 17 July 2020]

Dear Friends,

Last week we had the first service in our Church for 16 weeks.

The last Sunday before we had to close was Mothering Sunday, which seems such a long time ago.

Church on Sunday was a joyful experience. It felt both like a return from exile and a reunion of old friends, there was a real prayerful sense of being together.

I feel very deeply for those of you who are still self isolating and cannot get out into the community just yet, but once the Government Guidelines have eased at the beginning of August we look forward to welcoming you and seeing your faces once more. I can reassure you that we are doing all we can to make coming to Church as safe as it possibly can be. We are not saying at the moment that masks should be worn to Church. This is not in the Church of England guidelines and we have the mitigating factor that we are all facing in the same direction, but if these guidelines change I will let you know. In the meantime please do wear masks if you feel more comfortable in doing so..

This Sunday, 19th July, the service will be an All Age Eucharist at 11am.

Next Sunday, 26th July, the service is a Parish Eucharist at 9.30am.

The Team On line services will continue for the time being for those unable to come to Church and wish to worship God at home with Team ministers leading the service.

A prayer for this week,

May the love of God sustain us in our working today

May the light of Jesus radiate our thinking and speaking

May the power of the spirit penetrate our deliberations

And may all that we do this day witness to your presence in our lives.

Amen

With Every Blessing

Jane