

Letter from the Team Rector and Team Vicar 21st August 2020

We continue to work out the best way to re-open our services, and we are grateful for all those who are showing restraint and who understand the restrictions and guidelines we are working under, bearing in mind that these restrictions and guidelines can change very rapidly and at very short notice. Please also bear in mind that these openings are provisional only and will no doubt be changing as and when the opportunity arises.

On 9th August (and also 16th) at St George's and at St Cassian's we had some spare places. It is difficult trying to issue the right advice so that any particular service is not swamped and then people have to be turned away.

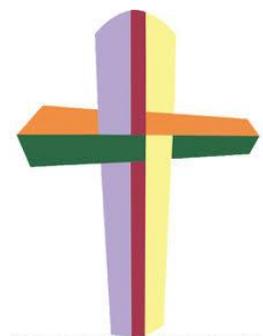
If you are able to make use of the on going Zoom service, this is still the most guaranteed way of being with fellow worshippers for a service. This week (23rd August) St Chad's is opening for a service at 3:00pm. We have calculated that 30 are able to sit in the church. Even with three churches open on that Sunday that would enable around 130 to be at a service, which is still well short of the more usual 270 that attend across the parish.

Please continue to be thoughtful about your particular choices. St Chad's will open with a service of Holy Communion, and for your information, the Zoom service this week at 11:00am will include an opportunity to use bread and wine as visual aids to help us remember Jesus on the cross.

Looking slightly further ahead, we will be reopening St Cecilia's on 6th September at 3pm and St Mary's Stone on 13th September at 11am with a service of Holy Communion, which will be celebrated by Robert.

Let's go on showing patience and grace in abundance and above all let's keep our Parish, our leaders and our churches in our prayers.

David and Robert



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