

From the Rectory...

It will soon be September and in these strange pandemic days I feel like I have missed most of the year!

September is often the time for looking ahead into a new academic year, and is often a time when the church takes stock too, I begin to plan for Harvest, Remembrance & even Christmas.

Hopefully all our children and young people will be back in school very soon, learning and socialising.

For some of the rest of us, its harder to get 'back to normal'... at the risk of upsetting those who hate the term, we do have a 'new normal' now... and one of the first things we are needing to address is how to celebrate Harvest festival. We can't sing our favourite hymns, nor walk up through church to lay our gifts at the altar... Yet despite the fact that we can't do as we usually do, it is important that we offer our thanks for all God's good gifts. Unless someone comes up with a different brilliant idea I propose that our Youtube service on 20th Sept will be a Harvest Festival, with the familiar readings.

We will have communion services again, and a suggested plan is on the middle pages, but please stay alert to messages too as there may changes, if you plan to come along to a service it may be as well to check.

I think one of the main difficulties we face just now is the level of uncertainty, we never quite know when things will change because Government or C of E guidance changes.. We have to plan for the maybes and mights, and take advantage of opportunities that present themselves. You never know, we might find all sorts of new phoenixes rising out of the ashes of the pandemic!

Keep well and safe.

God bless

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