

From the Rectory...

Well once again we are in a situation of constantly changing guidance and law and rising numbers of Covid infection. We are very fortunate in this area that our rates have always (so far) been below the national average, however that is small comfort to those who have been infected, or lost a loved one to this horrible disease.

It is wonderful that our children are back in school, being able to relate to their peers... however restricted this may be.

I'm delighted that both our schools wanted to celebrate harvest festival, even though they cannot come to church. Their donations will be added to the much needed Food Boxes in our churches. They will also be looking at the effects of Climate change on some of the most deprived parts of the world.

Many of you have come up with some brilliant ideas for how we can celebrate those occasions which are important to us if we cannot do so in our 'usual' ways. Its wonderful to hear a group discussing ideas and bouncing them off each other to refine them into might be possible... hopefully this Remembrance tide, Advent and Christmas will be as good as the past things we have done. And if in the end we can sing in church, we can add Carol Services with no trouble.

I'm particularly interested in hearing from people who may like to take on, maybe with a group of friends, creating a large scale scene (not necessarily the traditional nativity) so that we can create a 'Stations of the Nativity' around our benefice, with a map so that anyone can follow the trail, a pilgrimage of sorts...

I'm also looking for knitters, crocheters or woodworkers who can help create loads of small sheep for a scavenger hunt for families, as we are unlikely to do our traditional crib and All Age services.

Watch this space for more information nearer the time.

Keep well and safe.

God bless

The Revd Felicity Couch