

Dear Friends,

Welcome to another e-news, from the first responses to the survey it sounds like these have been helping many of you, so we hope you don't mind if we keep producing them!

David was part of a leaders seminar yesterday where the host said that, in the early days of the lockdown, he'd encouraged church leaders to see this as a marathon not a sprint. Now, he said, it feels more like a triathlon. We come out of one long stage (lockdown) only to find ourselves in another, different stage, which is just as demanding but in different ways. We can relate to that! But 'those who wait on the Lord will renew their strength, they will rise up on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint' (Isaiah 40)

A few things to share.

1. *Post-Lockdown Church Survey*. Thankyou to all of you who have filled this in, it is giving us a very good insight into lots of things. However, I (David) discovered that SurveyMonkey will only let me see the first 40 respondents, and I have to pay £300 to see the rest! My fault, I should have checked. /So please can I ask a favour: if you filled in the survey any time after 8.30am on Monday, please could you do it again, but via this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/B2GSDQG/>. Sorry!
2. '*What I Did in Lockdown*', we have already started getting some great pictures on this theme for St James Gift Day on 26th July. Please keep them coming, to David via email or Facebook, or dropped off at St James (the postbox is by the steps at the Preston Rd entrance)
3. *St Peters Refurbishment*: has already started - the new heating system is in already! Most of the other work will happen in July and early August.
4. *New Youtube Channel*: to give us more scope when we start broadcasting from church buildings, we will soon be moving to a new home on Youtube. This won't happen for a few weeks yet, but in the meantime please bookmark or subscribe to *<https://tinyurl.com/StJPY2020> *(copy and paste this into your web browser)*
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5. St Johns is running an online *Childrens Holiday Club* from 20-24th July, looks like great fun, have a look at this <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=czQyDy1AhfQ&list=PLmNCjDu1YyobVM1Tu9Wc7Hm->

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6. *Front Room Fellowship*: we are now allowed to have 1 other household under our roof, socially distanced of course. Why not invite someone else from church to join you on a Sunday morning for the live service? Many survey respondents have said that what they miss most is other people. What's more, about 50 of our church members have either no broadband, or no device for accessing Youtube, and so haven't been able to join in our Sunday worship. Is there someone you could invite to join you this Sunday?

""Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.." (Matthew 7:24-25)

yours in Christ

David and Ruth

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