

Dear Friends,

Thankyou to the people who made our first live stream from St James possible, especially the Ruths, Chris Keen on tech, and David Newton who sorted the broadband for us. We've had so many comments saying how nice it was to be 'in church' again.

1. If you want a sneak peek inside St Peters, have a look here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DLJi88nFb1c&feature=youtu.be>, first sight of the new heating system, and the video also explains some of the ideas for resuming activities in St Peters building.

2. The new *St James and St Peters Yeovil Youtube channel* will be our new home on Youtube, and this Sundays service will appear there. *So please subscribe, save or bookmark this address

**https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS_rhjBAJTiXz3kIXLMN_Xw* (pasting <https://tinyurl.com/StJPY2020> into your web browser will also do the trick). There's also a new midweek reflection on the channel, on 'Triathlon and Veneer' - you'll have to watch the video to find out why it's called that!

3. Thankyou for the responses for St James Gift Day which are already coming in, we have a growing collection of '*what I did in lockdown*' photos - please keep them coming.

4. We've also had nearly 70 responses to the *online questionnaire*, so many thanks to all of you who completed that. We've taken paper copies of it round to all the households who aren't online, and we're looking through the results as they come in. A few headlines from the responses so far:

- Most people would rather wait before coming back to public worship - 18% want to start straight away, 82% would prefer to wait either for a reduced infection rate, or relaxation of social distancing

- Similarly, if we had a combination of streamed and 'in person' services, most people would be happy coming to the building occasionally, if at all, and watching the live stream the rest of the time.

- Several of the new things we've tried in the lockdown have been appreciated, 3/4 of you have found these e-newsletters helpful, and around 1/3 have made use of the podcasts, midweek reflections on the Youtube channel, and special prayer times for Thy Kingdom Come. When we come out of lockdown it's likely that we'll look to continue things

people have come to appreciate in the last few months.

5. *Please pray* for people who are turning to God in lockdown, we've heard in the last fortnight of a couple of people who have family members in our churches, who've started opening up about God and spiritual matters. We've seen some of this in our pastoral ministry through funerals and food deliveries, so please pray for the Holy Spirit's work in bringing people to Jesus. Please pray also for those who are finding this long lockdown especially hard, and are struggling with their mental health, for God to be their strength and comfort.

"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness, through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness" (2 Peter 1:3)

yours in Christ

David and Ruth

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