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Dear Friends,

Just over a month into lockdown we are writing to you as much as anything just to keep in touch and to hope that you are managing being locked down. And to reiterate the invitation to get in touch with us if there is anything that we can help you with, or indeed just for a chat. Fr. Nigel's contact details are either nigel.worn@gmail.com or 020 8940 4616 or 07805757472.

Over these past weeks of lockdown we have been embracing some of the wonders of IT not least in making provision for our Junior Church to function on zoom and YouTube. Emily Norman has taken charge of this work and to join in please contact Emily at juniorchurch.stannes@gmail.com

Other areas of our life that have moved into the virtual realm is our Sunday Eucharist which can be accessed through our website, Morning Prayer, our Wednesday Bible Study group and our Friday morning meditation group. Again please contact [Fr. Nigel](#) if you would like to access any of these groups.

Even though the Church building is closed you will be delighted to hear that the restoration and refurbishment of the rooms behind the Royal Gallery and the staircase leading to the Royal Gallery are now all but complete. This means that when we do return to being able to use our building we will have more space in which to develop our ministry. The new area will also provide a renovated room for the choir to use to store their robes and library space for their music. This restoration has been made possible by your generous response to our appeal for specific funds for this project. Such generosity has borne good fruit!

Looking forward to later on in the year we will need to hold our Annual General Meeting at which we will be looking to elect eleven to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of which five will also serve on the Deanery Synod (DS). Being a member of the PCC or DS gives you an opportunity to be proactively involved with aspects of the fabric & finance and ministry and mission of St Anne's. If you would like to know more about what becoming a member of the PCC or Deanery Synod may involve please do contact one of us.

It is also our policy to support three charities each year who share in 5% of our net income from your giving. We usually support each of these charities for a three year period and 2020 is the year when we will be choosing new charities to support. As a general rule we

try to choose one overseas charity, one national charity and one local charity. We are asking you for your suggestions of charities for the PCC to consider. The qualifying criteria for a charity to be considered is that their aims broadly fit in with values that we have at St Anne's and that they are well administered. So in this period of lockdown please give some thought to this subject and let Fr. Nigel have your proposals. The PCC will be deciding on which charities to support in the autumn.

Are you signed up for the weekly newsletter? It's one of the best ways we can stay in touch, let you know the latest news and give you other important information. To sign up please cut and paste this link into your browser or click <http://eepurl.com/cq7j0b>

We are also encouraging you to observe VE Day and to undertake the 'Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2' at 3pm on Thursday 8th May, from the safety of your own home by standing up and raise a glass of refreshment of your choice and undertake the following 'Toast' – "To those who gave so much, we thank you," using this unique opportunity to pay tribute to the many millions at home and abroad that gave so much to ensure we all enjoy and share the freedom we have today.

These are strange times for the world, our nation and our church and life post the Covid 19 pandemic will be different but the Easter faith that we share will enable us both to reach out to each other and those in need as well as building on the hope that our Easter faith gives us.

Do keep praying for all of our key workers, those who are grieving and all who are adversely affected by this pandemic. We look forward to the day when we can once again gather for worship on a Sunday morning.

With all good wishes

Fr.Nigel Worn
Vicar

Bill Cottle
Churchwarden

Cate Lyon
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