

St James' Church, Uplands
NEWSLETTER - 15th August 2021

No need to book!

Thank you for your responses last week to the question of how we should go forward with regards to social distancing and singing. The Welsh Government and Church in Wales guidance says that if we sing, we should keep a 2m social distance from anyone not in our household. I therefore asked you to let me know whether you would prefer to reduce social distancing - therefore avoiding the need to book - or whether you wanted to return to singing, but keep booking in place.

The vast majority of conversations and messages I had said that the main need is to ensure that all who want to come to church can come. So to update our current covid protocols:

- There is now no need to book to come to church
 - Masks still need to be worn if over 12 unless you are exempt
 - It is fine to sit with others not from your household, but please check others feel comfortable with that
 - We are taping off every other pew in order to still give significant distancing
 - We won't sing as a congregation until there is a further change in guidance.
- Which brings us to...

Music Group

It is permissible to have socially distanced singers and a music group. I'm therefore hoping that we can introduce this. If you would like to sing or play, please speak to Ian or Chris on their return.

Photos for website

Do you have any photos of a church service or social event for the website, which is being revamped? If so, please let Ian know or email him the photo at ianfolks@gmail.com.



Rev Sam Aldred- welcome!

We welcome Rev Sam Aldred to lead our service today. Sam is a curate in our ministry area, based mainly at St Mary's Church.

Please note there won't be a newsletter next Sunday, as Ian is on holidays this week. Next Sunday's service will be led by Revs Sarah Harris and Ian Folks.

A prayer for St James' Church

Heavenly Father,
Strengthen us in our inner being with power through your Spirit
That Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith
As we are rooted and grounded in love.
And give us the power to comprehend the height, breadth and depth
Of the love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge,
And so may we be filled with all the fullness of God.
We know that you can accomplish more than we can ask or even imagine
Through the power at work within us.
To you be glory in this church and in Christ Jesus through all generations: Amen! (Eph 3:14-21)

Rev Ian Folks