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***We endeavour to be an expression of God's love in the community***

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Dear Parishioners

Well August has seen us nearly back to normal, where church services go. Currently we are having Communion services at both Walpole and Denmark, with communion 'in the one kind' for the time being.

In his recent letter Bishop Ian writes that he has been in correspondence with the Primate and Metropolitans about other ways of receiving the wine and confirms that for the time being we will remain with Holy Communion in the one kind. He writes:

If and when we do enter Phase 5 we will check about the Common Cup with WA Health as a first response, since they specifically asked churches to refrain from this in earlier Emergency Measures.

Above all, please remember ***if you are feeling at all unwell, stay home!***

**Twilight Meditations** recommenced last Friday at St Leonard's – a time of quiet contemplation, singing and prayer. This will continue every first Friday of the month. We meet at 5 pm to run through the chants/songs and start at 5.30 pm. It is a lovely way to end the week.

**Choir practice** at St Leonard's is also up and running again. The choir, and anyone interested in singing or practising the hymns for the coming Sunday, meet at 10.30 am on a Saturday at St Leonard's. It usually lasts approximately 30 minutes and then we have coffee together, usually at *The Green Pantry*.

**Mothers Union** met yesterday (Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>) and have decided to go into recess for the rest of the year. With many people sick and others caring for sick or immune compromised loved ones, it was decided to wait until next February to start up again. Ruth Price has indicated that she wishes to step down as President, after many, many years of service. She told me that she doesn't remember how long it actually has been. Thank you Ruth for your faithful service. The branch is very small and it is difficult to find members who are able to give the time and energy to fill positions or work to provide hospitality for area gatherings.

I had said that on Mothers' Union days I would hold a **weekday Eucharist**. I will still hold these services at St Leonard's, on **the third Thursday** each month, **at 1 pm**. It will be a said Communion with a short reflection on the Gospel for the coming Sunday. Everyone is welcome, and anyone who would like to, can go for a cuppa afterwards. I'm hoping this might particularly attract those who find 9.30 am on a Sunday difficult to get to.

While it has been a strange time, during the shutdown, without being able to meet for public worship, and social interaction generally confined to small numbers, the parish **finances** have done well. On behalf of Parish Council, and particularly the Treasurer, I thank you for your continued commitment to the parish, particularly with your offertories. It has been particularly pleasing to see the increase in the number of people using the *Direct Giving* system.

Since the **Mustard Seed** reopened towards the end of May, it has done exceedingly well. Well done, good and faithful Veggies! We are always so grateful for the income from the *Mustard Seed* towards the ongoing ministry of the parish and the opportunity to outreach into the community.

When we went into these uncertain times, Parish Council made the decision to hold further tithing of our income to **worthy causes**, particularly until we could see what position we were in financially. I

am pleased to say, at the last Parish Council, it was agreed to donate \$500 to *Medecins san frontiers*, to be used in areas of most need. Last week, after the explosion in Beirut, there was an out of session motion to donate a further \$500 to the ABM (Anglican Board of Mission) Beirut Emergency Appeal.

As those in Denmark would note, work on the **Ramp** in the car park at St Leonard's is nearly completed. Unfortunately, there have been a number of hold ups as work progressed. The current stall is that we are waiting for the railing to be galvanised, an enclosure for the rubbish bins to be built and the car park to be sealed, with parking bays marked. Hopefully it won't be too much longer before the fencing can be removed and the walk from Civic Centre Car Park to church made less of an obstacle course.

Over the last few months, we have had several storms with some wild weather, particularly the wind. During one storm in May, the side **fence in the Rectory** was badly damaged and with subsequent storms has broken to the point it needs to be replaced. While the initial damage was caused in part by the higher level of the neighbour's property, we have come to a mutual agreement with the neighbours to share costs for the fence, after they put in a retaining wall. Over subsequent storms, the fence shared with the CWA has become damaged and Parish Council has agreed to have that replaced. So, if you see some strange goings on at the Rectory, you will know what is happening! Luckily, if I am around, Kora isn't a wanderer.

**An Invitation!** Something I have been going to do for some time is to invite everyone to the Rectory for a fellowship meal. Now I have Chris living here and the COVID restrictions have eased somewhat, I thought I would issue the invitation. So, you are invited to lunch at the Rectory on **Sunday, August 30, from 12.30 pm**. We will be having a roast cooking on the barbeque, and invite you to bring a plate of vegetables, or salad, or, if you don't eat red meat (probably lamb), a dish you can eat ... or a dessert, and whatever you like to drink. If you can let our Social Secretary, Judy Ross know if you are able to come, and what you think you might bring. You can contact Judy on her mobile: 0455 509 317 or her email: [53judyross@gmail.com](mailto:53judyross@gmail.com) I hope to see many of you here ... and those who haven't already, can meet my beloved!

Well, I think that about sums up all the news I have for you all at the moment. I hope to write something again next month. I apologise to Walpole folk that it is very Denmark-centric this time, but I look forward to seeing you at St George's on Sunday.

A couple of things to reflect on. First from St Clare of Assisi, who's feast day was on August 11<sup>th</sup>:

Happy the soul to whom it is given to attain this life with Christ, to cleave with all one's heart to him whose beauty all the heavenly hosts behold forever, whom love inflames our love, the contemplation of whom is our refreshment ...

And in these troubled days, a Celtic blessing:

May the strength of the wind and the light of the sun,  
the softness of the rain and the mystery of the moon,  
reach you and fill you.

May beauty delight you and happiness uplift you,  
may wonder fulfil you and love surround you.

May your step be steady and your arm be strong.

May your heart be peaceful and your word be true.

May you seek to learn, may you learn to live,

may you live to love, and may you love – always.

May the love of God enfold and empower you.

With my continued prayers and good wishes, your priest and your friend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sally". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, looped 'y' at the end.