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Newsletter Update - 2nd September, 2020

Oh, my goodness! I can't believe we are in September already. So, welcome to the Autumn season. We are working hard to restart services having had a few pilot services in August. They have been wonderful occasions when we have been able to assess what our services will look like under Covid restrictions.

We know that what we have planned does not suit everyone, especially families. Bear with us. As Dwight Eisenhower once commented, "Planning is essential; plans are useless." All our plans are 'fluid'. If we need to change tack, we will. So, some thoughts.

1. Families, do book in to the sessions that Laine and Harry are doing on Saturdays from 12th September. It helps them to know how many are planning to turn up.
2. For parents wanting other service opportunities, there is the 9am Holy Communion, and the 10.30am Morning Service (surname specific).
3. Both the 9 and 10.30 are without children's groups or creche, but that does not mean that children who can sit through a service aren't welcome.
4. Also, the 9am Holy Communion service is open to all, not just for those who used to go to that service before.
5. The online sermons will continue, and we hope to live stream the service at 10.30.
6. The 11.30am Sunday Café zoom will finish on 6th September.
7. Connect Groups have been key during lockdown, and we are very grateful to our noble group leaders. However, do remember that groups are not a substitute for the Sunday gathering. Both are important for healthy Christian discipleship.
8. The Courtyard work is hoping to complete on 11th September, but all the toilets are available now.
9. In order to make communication easier, we are moving towards using Church Suite which is a great way for us to cooperate together. More details to follow.
10. Keep going with the guidelines - social distancing, masks, hand washing, hand sanitising, track and trace etc.

'Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another.' Hebrews 10.25

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