**Worship Pattern in our Benefice**

Throughout the pandemic, we have tried to respond appropriately and wisely to the challenges of changing restrictions. I thought it would be helpful to remind everyone exactly what our worship provision is at the moment.

We are continuing to broadcast our weekly **online worship at 10am on Sunday mornings**. This can be watched on our **Facebook** pages and via our **church websites**. This service can also be watched at any point afterwards too. Thanks to all who are involved in making this service happen.

We are also continuing to open our **church buildings for Sunday worship**. As we continue to see cases of Covid rise, we are doing our best to keep our buildings clean and well-ventilated. We’re also asking those who attend:

* Please do not attend if you have any **symptoms** of Covid-19
* Please use the **hand sanitizer** provided on entry and exit
* Please wear a **face covering** if you are able to do so
* Please sit at a **respectful distance** from others who are not part of your household/social bubble

At **St Margaret’s**, **Draycott**, the current pattern of in-person services is:

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| **Sunday of the month** | **Service at 10.00am** | **Service at 4.00pm** |
| 1st | Holy Communion |  |
| 2nd | Morning Prayer |  |
| 3rd | Holy Communion |  |
| 4th | Morning Prayer |  |
| 5th |  | Holy Communion |

At **St Peter’s, Forsbrook**, following a time of reflection and consultation with the evening service congregation in particular, the PCC has just decided to trial the following pattern of Sunday worship for the next 12 months:

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| **Sunday of the month** | **Morning informal worship**  **(unrobed & contemporary**  **music style)**  **@10.00am** | **Evening traditional worship**  **(robed & organ music)**  **@4.00pm during winter months\*\* & @6.00pm during british summer time** |
| 1st | Worship Together (All-age) | Holy Communion with sung responses (Common Worship) |
| 2nd | Holy Communion\* | Evening Prayer (sung)  (Book of Common Prayer) |
| 3rd | Service of the word\* | Holy Communion  (Common Worship or an alternative) |
| 4th | Holy Communion\* | Evening Prayer  (Common Worship or an alternative) |
| 5th | Service of the word (with laying  on of hands)\* | Service of the word (with laying  on of hands) or ‘Songs of Praise’ invitational service. |

*\*These services include the x:cite group for primary age children.*

*\*\*British summer time does not end until October 31st but the evening services throughout October will still be at 4.00pm as it has been over recent months.*

**HARVEST** will be celebrated at **St Peter’s THIS SUNDAY at both services**. Any tins/packets donated will be taken to a local food bank.

At **St Margaret’s**, harvest will be celebrated on **Sunday 17th October.**

Please feel free to contact Jonathan, Sam or our churchwardens if you have any questions.