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Meet Rev Carol Green, the New Priest in Charge of the Haldon Team

Ministry

Your churchwardens were delighted to attend the Licensing of Rev Carol Green in St. Michael's Church on 27th July and to have a brief chat with her. If you have internet access, we strongly recommend you to watch the on line service for 1st August on the Haldon Mission Community website (haldonteam.org.uk) which includes some excerpts from the Licensing service and more importantly an interview with Carol and her husband Mark. This is useful introduction into our future as part of the Haldon group.

Living with Covid Update

We have now returned to opening our two churches **on a daily basis** from 10am to 4pm for private prayer and to welcome visitors.

We have also now put together proposals for some relaxation of the covid restrictions that have governed our services over the pandemic.

Sadly, we have concluded that unless and until the Church of England confirms how sharing the chalice can be done safely, administration of the sacraments will continue to be confined to sharing the Bread in the manner we are currently following.

Sadly too, the extent to which we can safely return to pre-covid congregational activities will depend on the individual circumstances of our church buildings and furnishings.

In St. Peter's, it is suggested that we return to congregational singing with effect from Sunday 22nd August leaving to personal choice whether to wear face coverings once we are in our seats. In order to protect anyone with concerns about infection, we suggest that those wishing to sing should be seated in the front half of the Nave and that the rear half should be reserved

for those not wishing to sing, again leaving the wearing of a face covering to personal choice once seated.

In St. Nicholas, because of the limited seating space and the restricted ventilation, we propose that there should continue to be no singing without face coverings and that face coverings should be worn at all times unless medically exempt, leading worship or reading.

In both churches, we would continue to ask everyone to wear a face covering when moving around. We propose to leave the choice of where to sit to individuals and, for those concerned to maintain social distancing, markers will be available to place on seats to reserve them free from use. We would also encourage everyone attending services to continue to record their presence for Test and Trace purposes.

Consultation - If anyone has concerns or queries about these suggested arrangements, **PLEASE** make your concerns/queries known to one of the churchwardens in writing* or by email no later than Sunday 15th August. (* boxes for Living with Covid comments are available at the back of both churches) We will do our best to ensure that everyone feels able to safely participate in the worshipping life of our churches.

Re- commencement of Post- service refreshments is still under consideration.

Attendance bookings for:

(1) Shaldon Mission Community final Eucharist service together at 11am on Sunday, 29th August in St. Andrew's, Stokeinteignhead

(2) Harvest Praise at 6pm on Sunday, 26th September in St. Nicholas (or St Peter's depending on numbers)

Please sign up on the lists now available at the back of both churches if you intend to attend these services or inform one of the Churchwardens direct. The deadline for (1) is Sunday, 22nd August and for (2) is Sunday, 12th September. If lifts to St. Andrew's are required or on offer, please indicate this on the Sign-up List.

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