

Revised Arrangements for Services in the Benefice

1. These changes take place with immediate effect.
2. The churches in the benefice remain open for private prayer as detailed in the schedule on the home page of the website.
3. St Blaise Church at Haccombe is closed for services.
4. All Saints Church at Combeinteignhead is closed for services.
5. There will be two Eucharistic services at St Andrew's church, Stokeinteignhead, per month, on the first and third Sundays at 11.00 am. These services are for members of the congregations of St Andrew's and All Saints churches only.
6. There will be two Eucharistic services at St Peter's church, Shaldon, per month, on the second and fourth Sundays at 10.30 am. These services are for members of the 8.00 am and 10.30 am congregations of St Peter's only. There will be no 8.00 am services.
7. There will be one Eucharistic service at St Nicholas' church, Ringmore, per month, on the third Sunday at 9.30 am. These services are for members of the congregation of St Nicholas' church only.
8. There will be no weekday services in the Benefice.
9. There will be no fifth Sunday/Benefice service.
10. These measures will be reviewed on 15th February.

These changes are the result of consultation with the Archdeacon, advice from the Diocese and Bishop Robert, consultation with our churchwardens and have been agreed by the PCCs of the parishes in the benefice.

Our Rector, Revd. Annie Church writes:

“Please note that there are many on-line services available on Sundays, Hymns and Prayers are available free by telephone on 0800 804 8044 and there is a ‘Time to pray’ app for mobile phones. I am encouraging all churches to devise a rota for keeping in contact with each other when there are no services in their church or they cannot or are not willing to attend due to health concerns.

It is not possible to give anyone a lift to church unless you are from the same household.

Our risk assessments will be reviewed to take all of this into consideration together with the most concerning practice of folk ‘mingling’ before and after services – this is of great concern to the Church of England, the Bishop and all Priests. Whilst we all understand that it is lovely to be able to see and speak to folk when you come to church, mingling is the most dangerous practice and most likely to be when the virus can be transmitted, so high importance is being put on this point.

I have done my best to provide services for everyone under very difficult circumstances but, as I said, my priority is for everyone's safety. I am happy to answer any questions.”

To contact Revd. Annie, please use the contact details on the website. Look for the link “Who's who in Shaldon Parish”.

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