

To all Friends of Christ Church, West Wimbledon:

MICHAEL'S MESSAGES CORONAVIRUS 10: *"For the moment, church is a gathering of homes"*

ZOOM CHURCH: Thank you to everyone who was able to join last Sunday for our Zoom Service. There was a lot of positive feedback and we've had a planning meeting. We have decided to hold a service **EVERY SUNDAY MORNING at 10am**. The vote between morning/evening was evenly split – but the main reason for our choice is that 10am is the time we worship – and it would be good to continue to live life as normally as we can in these abnormal times. Sunday evenings are also when children getting ready for online school the next day, together with those of you who do other things on Sundays. So, we hope that **Sunday at 10am** will suit you too. Would you like to join in if you haven't already? A computer/ laptop or tablet work best. Smart phones are possible too. You can self-decide at the time whether to be on video camera and or microphone or just listen only. If you haven't got a camera or a microphone, then it is also possible to just watch and listen via a computer with internet access or just listen in by phone. In advance of the service you would be emailed by me with a link to click inviting you to join the service. **There is no need to let us know you want to join as everyone will be sent the link on Thursday with a further reminder sent on Sunday morning at 9am.** If you need specific help setting up Zoom on your device, please email Hazel Bate hazelbate2@gmail.com I fully realise that not all of you will be able to join us online. It may help you to know that we shall be using the two readings set for the Sunday and I will be offering my brief reflection, all of which are published on the Sunday pewsheets – so hopefully you would still feel connected with the congregation even if you aren't able to participate online. But we will much look forward to seeing those of you who are able to join us online at **10am on Sunday morning!**

GARDENS ARE BLOOMING and I hope that those of you who are fortunate enough to own a garden have been able to take advantage of the sun. Here is a photo of our new garden at the back of the Hall. It will be planted as soon as we are able to be out and about once again. But I thought you would like to see the progress so far! Thanks to Julie Grainger for the photo. Jenny Baker sent this lovely comment from Audrey Hepburn: "To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow". Amen to that!



With my continued prayers and best wishes to you all, Michael

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