

The Four Ways Mission Community

St James, Swimbridge | The Holy Name, Gunn | St Paul, Landkey | St Peter, West Buckland | St Michael, East Buckland

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Dear All,

A warm Invitation to Morning Prayer at our Churches from 2nd August

Well, we finally have the good news that we have completed all the requirements to hold church services again! I say a huge “thank you” to all who have been part of the cleaning, roping off and preparation for this moment: we are now Covid-safe and are ready for services to resume.

It is my intention, along with the blessings and support of your PCCs, to RESTART SUNDAY WORSHIP ON 2ND August. Services will initially be in the format of Morning Prayer, just to get everyone back into the swing of things and, of course, these services are usually short. We hope to progress to services of Holy Communion as our confidence in holding services again grows. We have followed all the Church of England and Government guidelines and even gone a little further to ensure you will feel comfortable as you return.

Sadly, we are still not allowed to sing, but we will provide downloaded hymns that we can listen to together. We still can't share a cup of tea and, at first, church will look and feel a little different, but we are coming to worship our God with joy and we can be together even if we have to sit further apart than we normally would. We will be asking you to wear a face covering for the service in accordance with current guidelines.

We are also very keen to hear from you in your individual churches. You can ask us anything or make suggestions for improvements: we are willing and keen to hear your thoughts.

We will continue to broadcast every day on our Mission Prayer Facebook page at 10am for those who are unable to come to church, just as we have throughout the lockdown.

The link to Mission Prayer is <https://www.facebook.com/mission.prayerprogramme>

It is a tentative beginning. We are doing our best and we warmly invite you to come and share the services together. This Sunday our services are to be held in Swimbridge and Landkey, next week West Buckland will be holding their service on a Friday evening and East Buckland will be at the normal time of 9.30.

Whilst we warmly invite to you come to church services again, we recognise that some of you will not feel ready to take this step yet. It is important that no-one feels under pressure to come to church immediately and, if you are concerned about doing so, please take a little longer to assess when the time might be right for you. Everyone is appreciated, whether they are in church or not!

So, come, let us pray together. With every blessing,

Fr Shaun