

# ST PETER'S WEEKLY NEWS

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## Another step or two forwards

The Staff Team have been reflecting on how we might move forward with care and discernment as the nation slowly comes out of lockdown. Tomorrow (17<sup>th</sup> May) sees the next level of relaxation that will allow for gatherings indoors, the opening of restaurants and pubs to allow guests to meet indoors.

Reflecting on this change we thought it would be good to try out coffee after church. We know many of you have missed that important act of fellowship and sharing. It is something we think we can do safely but won't fully know until we give it a try.

As from Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May we will then offer coffee after church in the church hall. There will be tables of six. The windows and doors will be open, you are asked to go straight to a table and not remove your mask until you are sat down and the refreshments will be brought to the table. If you plan to stop after church next Sunday we would value your reflections afterwards.

The other thing our Director of Music and I have been reflecting on is the safe return of our choir. This must be done with everyone's consent and will mean a restricted choir of no more than six voices, socially distanced, for now. If you are a choir member and would like to be part of this, there is absolutely no pressure, or indeed this might be the time you, as not previously a choir member, can join, then please let Mark or Fr David know.

The third reflection is the continued use of Zoom for Church Services. It has served us well and allowed us to maintain close contact with our wider community. However, although we have radically upgraded our audio-visual system the quality being sent out isn't at its best. By switching to Facebook or YouTube the quality would be so much better and we could potentially reach a wider yet untapped audience. This seems to be the sensible way to go and best use of our investment but we would still like to hear your thoughts. You do not need a Facebook account to watch our transmission on our Facebook page.

Love and prayers,

Fr D