



August 2017

Dear Parishoners

Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst Revd. Becky is recovering and Revd. Heather is on maternity leave. It is really encouraging to see everyone working together in our current circumstances.

It is likely Revd. Becky will not return for a while longer, and the Diocese has encouraged the Churchwardens to review the Sunday services offered by Harnham Parish. These are in addition to the baptisms, weddings, funerals, internments and many other aspects within the Parish.

The Standing Committee (the four churchwardens, treasurer, Revd. Julian and PCC secretary) met on Wednesday 26 July, and agreed a strategy that has been fully supported by the Diocese and the Rural Dean. This will cover the period from Harvest until Christmas, and will not affect the All Saints Patronal, Bereavement and Advent Services etc.

As from 8<sup>th</sup> October, there will always be at least one Communion service on a Sunday and one during the week. Most Sundays there will be a 9.30am service at St. Georges and either 8.00am or 11.00am at All Saints. Occasionally there will be a United Service for us to enjoy worship together.

There will be a clear timetable of our Sunday services issued, and published on the Harnham Parish website and social media. The weekly notice sheets will also provide all available information.

The Rural Dean continues to support the work of the Churchwardens and the proposed "way forward". He also said "In this situation, an opportunity has arisen for us to show unity, which is a positive thing that shows One Church, One Lord".

This is a temporary measure which will be reviewed after Christmas. Please feel free to forward any comments to either the Churchwardens or Parish Administrator.

Churchwardens