

Gulworthy Notes August 2021

Joyful news from St Paul's Gulworthy - on Sunday 25th July - for the first time since March 2020 - we sang inside the church! It actually felt quite odd and somewhat emotional as we croaked our voices into action and although there were only a few of us there, we sang with as much gusto as we could muster and tried to remember the right notes for the Gloria. We have worshipped and given praise all throughout this odd year, but somehow, this felt very special.

Since writing the last Gulworthy notes, my laptop coughed and died and after being sent off for some TLC, it came back good as new but with all the previous documents wiped after being saved onto a magic flash drive – so – if I repeat myself or forget what I said the last time, then do forgive me.

The PCC met in person in early July, our other meetings of the year having been on zoom. We distanced and masked but it was good to be able to get together face to face and look to the future of our community. On the agenda for the coming months, we have our quinquennial inspection which is a thorough check of the building by our architect. The last one in 2015 suggested that the church was in good nick, so we are hoping that there won't be anything major to tackle or to fund. The PCC also began discussions as to how we would wish our church to be in 5 years' time and to that end we are looking into the logistics of providing facilities such as toilets and perhaps a refreshment servery. This is something that needs a lot of thought and investigation and so we are aiming to form a small sub-committee of 3-4 people. They don't need to be members of the PCC, so if you think that you would be interested in joining this group and bringing fresh ideas you would be greeted with great delight. Do contact me or Judith Blowey.

We thank the Lord that we seem to be coming out of what has been a dark time for many people and we feel we can now make some decisions on future events to welcome the wider community back to the church. Obviously, we are still in the midst of a pandemic and things change from day to day, but the diary below is one of hope and anticipation. More details will follow on all the events.

God bless you for your continued dedication to St Paul's and thank you from all the clergy and the PCC for your support and help.

DIARY

Sunday 19th September 6pm – Celebration of Harvest followed by a Harvest supper.

Saturday 25th September 3pm - Hazel and Rosie's ordinations at St Eustachius

Sunday 26th September - No service. We will be joining St Eustachius for Rosie's first celebration of communion at **9.45am**. Hazel's first communion is at St Michael's Brent Tor at **6pm** but numbers will be very limited.

Saturday 16th October 1 – 4pm - Car boot sale, hopefully, combined with a dog show. Details and venue to follow.

Sunday 17th October – No service – we will be joining with all the parishes in the benefice at **9.45am** at St Eustachius for Chris Hardwick's final service before his retirement.

Monday 6th December – Senior citizens' lunch. Time to be confirmed.

Sunday 19th December – We hope to have a "live" nativity at Morwellham Quay. To be confirmed.