



Dear friends,

1) Enjoy this photo of our lychgate in the recent snow.

Please continue to be praying for our church life, our community, and our nation at this time.

2) St Nic's online Service this Sunday. St Nic's will be meeting by Zoom on Sunday morning, so the zoom details will not be revealed publicly as usual. Should those who have usually joined St Nic's online Sunday services still wish to do so on Sunday, I will be happy to pass on the details.

3) ST MARY'S ONLINE SERVICES

3a) Wednesday 17th February 7.30pm. Following our Zoom Service of the Word last Sunday, Janice and Joy are hosting a **Zoom Service of Evening Prayer for Ash Wednesday** for anyone from St Mary's and St Nic's who would like to join us this coming Wednesday at 7.30pm. Further details will be coming out on **Tuesday. (Please look out for this)**

3b) Sunday 21st February 10am Morning Service online.

Sunday 28th February 10am Morning Service online.

Joy and Janice are also planning to hold Zoom services **on Sundays 21st and 28th February at 10am** with the hope that we might be back in the building for public worship in March.

Sabbath Sustenance will continue as usual for those who cannot join us on Zoom.

Those of us that were able to get together for worship last Sunday by Zoom, really appreciated the opportunity and would like to encourage others to join us.

4) **PCC MEETING LAST TUESDAY.** Your PCC held a committee meeting online. There was news of a new student ordinand at St Nic's, Karen West, who may come to meet us at St Mary's, in due course. The major efforts people are making to maintain our church buildings, facilitate and encourage our worship in various ways, foster our sense of community and continue in faithful and regular financial giving were acknowledged. We may not be able to open our church doors for services at the moment, but matters such as improved lighting, and painting the interior with paint suitable for the stone walls can still be processed. The Treasurer reported on our financial state of affairs, which indicated we are jogging along as well as can be expected in the circumstances. (Being an accountant, of course he didn't actually say that -but it is my layman's interpretation of it!)

5) DONATIONS TO THE FOOD BANK.

Please see the attachment about donations to the Food Bank over Lent. Our nearest collection bin for packets and tins is in Waitrose. But West Berks Food Bank would be very happy to receive donations and I have downloaded the following from their website:

"We shall be very grateful to receive your donations of money directly to our bank account.

Donations may be made directly to our bank account, with the following details:

Lloyds Bank, Newbury : Sorting Code 77-95-05

West Berks Foodbank : Account No. 72784660

Alternatively, if online banking is not suitable for you, then you may send a cheque payable to

"West Berks Foodbank" and send to:

The Treasurer, West Berks Foodbank, 23 Charter Road, Newbury, Berks. RG14 7EW.

*You may in addition, if you wish (provided that you are a UK tax-payer) complete a **Gift Aid form to add 25% value to your donation***

It is possible to download a Gift Aid Form on their website,

<https://westberks.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/> or I (MJH) can print one off for you if you let me know.

Love Mavis.