

Dear friends,

1) TODAY'S MESSAGE FROM REV JOY MAWDESLEY RE OPENING

- Exciting news! Our new curate, Jackie Fountain joins us in the Benefice on Monday 6th July. Because of Covid-19, she will not be ordained until the autumn so she comes to us having been licensed by the Bishop for ministry. Initially, she is commuting from Reading, until the house in Braunfels Walk is ready. Please pray for Jackie and husband, Paul and the family as they embark on this new adventure.
- The church is now open for private prayer on Wednesday afternoons from 2-4pm and on Sunday mornings from 10.30-11.30 with all the necessary restrictions in place for everyone's safety. This Sunday is the first Sunday that we are able to gather for public worship and so at 11am, Joy will lead those of us in church in some short prayers together. The PCC are still considering when we will hold our first service although we expect that to be before the end of July. Watch this space.
- St Nic's are holding an online Holiday Club this year for Years 1-5 – flyer attached. Please do forward this to anyone in your family for whom this might be a great activity during the summer holidays. Because it is online, they do not, of course, need to be living locally!

And from Mavis:

NB the car parking space in Elmore kindly made available for use by those who need to park close to the church is not available at the moment.

There were at least 15 of us there on Sunday, arriving and leaving at various times and 9 on Wednesday. We found it helpful to take a copy of Janice's Sabbath Sustenance but there were also some available. The church was comfortably laid out for ease of access, doors wide open. It was great to see St M's people again and some of us had a good chat like old times, at a distance, outside the church.

2) HYMN FOR THE WEEK

As our church opens for us to meet, I thought this was appropriate.

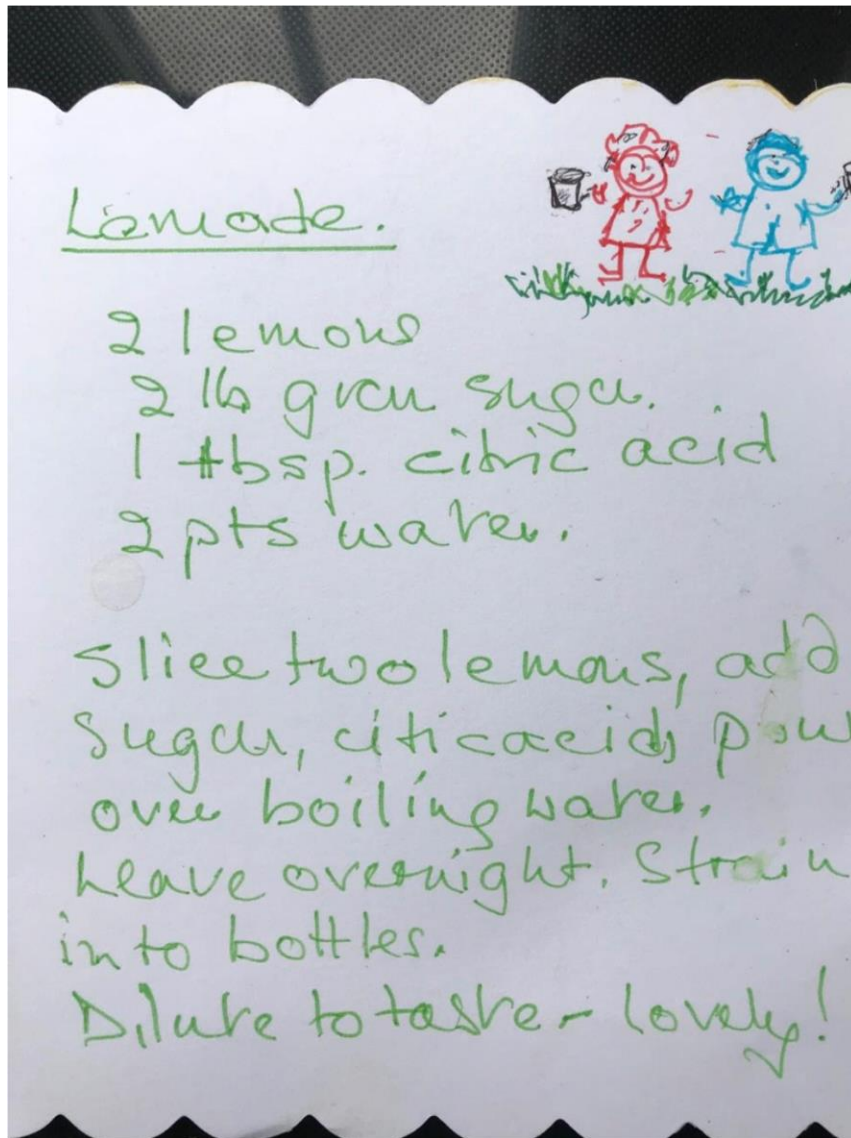
"We love the place O God, wherein thy servants meet". Click on the blue line below to listen, and then click on "skip ads" in the bottom right hand corner.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JU-tCzxbBPc>

and do keep on listening. It's followed by a lovely John Rutter song "The Lord bless you and keep you"

3) RECIPE

And here is a recipe for delicious lemonade. This comes from Pam, who buys the citric acid in a health food shop in Newbury.



Best wishes to you all, and I hope to see you on Sunday, Mavis

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