

Dear Parishioners,

This is a follow up letter to the last one I wrote in October. I mentioned that I had invited the PCC to a conversation and reflection on mainly two things:-

1. What we gained during the pandemic and would want to keep, and
2. What we lost and want to have back.

It was obvious that one of the things we gained is inter-congregational worship. Many of you found joy in the single church service we were offering each week where our 3 congregations worshipped together. Therefore, I set up a working group to explore how we can keep the inter-congregational worship going. I am now writing to you to present the proposal of the working group which have consequently been supported and adopted by the PCC as our new pattern of worship in the parish from January 2022. The pattern is not very different from what we have now become used to. However there are a few changes.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday**

9.00am	<b>HC</b>	Saunderton
10.30am	<b>All Ages Service</b>	Bledlow

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday**

10.30am	<b>HC</b>	Bledlow
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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**

10.30am	<b>Matins</b>	Bledlow
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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

9.00am	<b>Matins</b>	Horsenden
10.30am	<b>HC</b>	Bledlow

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

10.30am	<b>HC</b>	Bledlow
6.00pm	<b>Evensong</b>	Saunderton

So there will be a service every Sunday at Holy Trinity at 10.30am and a 9.00 am service at Saunderton and Horsenden every 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month respectively. Those who wish to receive Eucharist on a Sunday when we don't have a Eucharistic service in the parish will be encouraged to attend one of our other churches in the wider Princes Risborough team ministry.

Evensong will be on every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 6.00pm in Saunderton.

This pattern is not set on stone and the PCC will review it in 6 months.

Also, a second working group looked into ways in which the parish can serve better families with young children. This is an area of ministry that the PCC identified as challenging today as well as during the pandemic. The children's ministry that was Explorer's will happen differently, most likely in the afternoon and will also take a different shape. We are currently exploring different possibilities and details of how we do this are yet to be finalised and will be communicated soon.

This new pattern is still offering a variety of services in our endeavour to serve the spiritual needs of the parish better.

May I wish you all a peaceful and blessed Christmas.

Norbert