



The Edgemoor Group of Parishes

Charles.HighBray.NorthMolton.Twitchen.BishopsNympton.Mariansleigh.RoseAsh.Knowstone.EastAnstey.WestAnstey.Molland.

18th August 2020

"I was glad when they said unto me, "let us go to the house of the Lord."" (Psalm 122 v1)

Dear Friends

The past few months have proved to be a difficult and challenging time for us all. Our lives have needed to be organised in a different way in order to access the necessities that we take so much for granted. Many people have been and continue to be fearful and families remain separated. People living on their own have missed the company and social contact with others.

Here in The Edgemoor Group we have had to adapt to a new way of worship and we have enjoyed catching up with one another via the Zoom services on video or telephone but I am aware that there are many who have not joined us, maybe because of the technology or it might just not be right for them. 'The Word from the Shed' has been regularly watched, Bible study and House of Prayer are regularly held on Zoom plus there have been other initiatives throughout.

Alongside that, much has been happening in the background seeking a safe way forward to enable us to hold some church services until such time as we are able to return to some sort of normality. We are holding regular meetings, planning, praying and looking at the alternatives that will bring us all closer together.

The latest copy of In Touch with it's anthology of reflections, comments, poems, pictures and prose from the past Covid months is now available. Attached with this letter is a schedule detailing the church and Zoom services over the next few months, starting with opening services on the weekend of 22/23 August in our larger churches. We will continue to reflect on what God is saying through all of this but we hope that you will feel able to join us either on the Zoom services or at one of the church services. During this time, churches will continue to be open for Private prayer as set out in the magazine. Please be assured that we are taking steps to keep us all safe and both current and updated guidance will be closely followed when you come for worship.

The Ministry Team look forward to welcoming you when you feel able. Current guidance states that church services should last no longer than 20 minutes and you are most welcome to attend services in any of the churches within the Group.

Provisional work is starting on the next schedule of services for November and into the New Year, which will be informed by how the Covid19 situation develops and more guidance as it becomes available. The Ministry Team is also starting to consider the future shape of the Edgemoor Group and what might constitute the new normal. Your PCC will be involved and consulted as this work progresses.

God Bless *David, Alastair, Penny*

*God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church
Send your Holy Spirit to bring vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions,
faith to our lives, hope to our communities,
and love to our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

NOTICES

Rev. Alison's Ordination

Westward Ho! Sunday 27th September 4.00pm

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**\* Planning and Ministry Team continue to meet through  
September, October and November.**

**\* Full Team Churchwarden Meeting Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October,**  
It's hoped to extend the invitation for all PCC members to attend, venue and social  
distancing permitting. 10.30am – 12.00 noon Venue TBA

**\* Weekend end of November 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Bishops Nympton Village Hall.**  
An opportunity to bring people together to see and hear the shape of the future  
plans for the Edgemoor Group of Parishes

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The Edgemoor Autumn Challenge is an inspiring, fun event spread over several
weeks giving a wonderful opportunity to extend friendships and share life
experiences with those living within the Edgemoor group of parishes.
What better way for our well-being is there other than exploring our beautiful
North Devon countryside with friends, neighbours and family?

WALK 1: (8.3 miles) 26th September: Starting from 10 am : From: Bishops
Nympton Church to Mariansleigh to Rose Ash finishing at Knowstone

WALK 2: (6.16 MILES) 3rd October Starting from 10am: From : Knowstone
Church to West Anstey finishing at East Anstey

WALK 3: (6.71MILES) 10th October: Starting from 10am: From: Molland Church
to Twitchen finishing at North Molton

WALK 4: (6.96 MILES) 17th October: Starting from 10am: From: North Molton
Church to High Bray finishing at Charles