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## An open letter to our parishioners

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Dear Friends,

Thank you to everyone who joined the Facebook Live worship over the weekend, and those who prayed again in the evening and lit a candle in their window as sign of hope. Facebook is a medium that takes some getting used to, and I am so sorry for those who couldn't find the worship at the right time. I am trying to get my head around new technology too, and by the end of the week should have a You Tube page up and running which will be easier to access and post to our church websites.

You may also be encouraged to know that many who wouldn't usually come to church are now engaging with worship online. According to Facebook stats, over a thousand people were reached yesterday morning.

*The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me lie in  
pastures green.*

*He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.*

*And I will trust, in You alone,  
and I will trust in you alone,  
for your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home*

Psalm 23, adapted by Stuart Townsend.

The current 'schedule' of Facebook Live worship is as follows on the next page:

Monday: 9.30am Celtic Morning Prayer; 6pm Compline

Tuesday: Morning Greeting (time varies); 2.45pm Wallop School Assembly; 6pm Compline

Wednesday: Morning Greeting, 10.30am Little Angels Live ([www.facebook.com/littleangelstots](http://www.facebook.com/littleangelstots)),  
6pm Compline

Thursday: Morning Greeting; 3pm Grateley School Assembly; 6pm Compline

Friday: 6pm Compline

Saturday: 6pm Compline

Sunday: 10am Holy Communion

*Please let me know if you would appreciate Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings instead of Compline.*

## Weddings

There has been a lot in the news about weddings being cancelled. This is only partially true: if you were planning a big day with all the trimmings, then, obviously large gatherings can no longer happen. However, if you truly love each, and the most important thing is making your vows to each other, then your wedding can indeed go ahead.

Banns can no longer go ahead as they need to be read in public services, however, weddings can still take place via Special License. The fee for a special license has been reduced from £200 to £75 during these unusual times, and is quick and easy to get hold of.

Your wedding will now be an intimate affair; just the two of you, two witnesses, and of course your priest. The Wedding Breakfast will just be the two of you (and a bottle of champagne!). This timing will make your wedding all the more unique and special, and for your first anniversary we would love to host a wedding blessing where you can gather everyone together and wear the dress again.

## Something fun

There is a movement for people to post a different picture in their windows each day, so that children (and anyone) going for their safe-distance walk can play eye spy! This week's theme is a rainbow, which also reminds us of God's promise given to Noah in Genesis. Why not have a go at making your own picture, especially if you aren't usually an arty crafty person. With this extra time on our hands we can all try something new!

Keep safe everyone,

With love and blessings,

Vanessa