

## **Emerging from the Pandemic – what lessons have we learnt?**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2020 we went into lockdown as Covid 19 took hold of the nation. We closed our churches. As we emerge from lockdown it is a good time to think about what lessons have been learnt. Also, we have an opportunity to consider how can we use our experience to build a post pandemic Church.

As your new Rector, I have been involved in shaping some changes that have helped us to continue being a worshipping community over the last year as the lockdown has continued in various forms, and I think the time has come now for us to seriously consider a new vision and a new way of being church leading from our experiences of the last 18 months, especially as we have taken the decision to remain as a United Benefice.

I would like to see us becoming a church community that makes God visible here in our Benefice – visible to all who live and work in our villages. I would like your help and input with this as I and the Benefice PCC discern the way forward.

Please could you pray and think about the following questions about the life of the church in your parish or across the Benefice. If you could then send your responses to me at [diane.whittaker@icloud.com](mailto:diane.whittaker@icloud.com) or pop them into the Rectory at The Green, Lois Weedon, I would very much appreciate it.

### **During the Pandemic –**

**What was lost but you would like to stay lost?**

**What was lost but you would like to regain?**

**What was found and was useful but can now be lost?**

**What was found and you would like to see kept/developed?**

### **And now, post pandemic -**

**What one new thing would you really like us to begin doing?**

Please could you send your responses to me by **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October**.

Thank you for helping to shape the future of our Benefice.

Yours In Christ,

*Rev Diane*