

## St Columba Newsletter May 2021

Dear all,

I appreciate that not everything contained here will be of interest to everyone but I hope it will be of use to some of you some of the time. That said, the APCM should be of interest!

### **APCM.**

The Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm at St Columba Church, Collingtree on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May. You would be most welcome to attend. If you are entitled to vote and would like to see papers in advance of the meeting please let me know. I will email the PCC as a matter of course. This will be sent out by Sunday evening.

### **Rowtree Park Outreach.**

The initial meeting for this will be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> on zoom at 9am. I am hoping that further meetings will be in person depending on how the Covid 19 relaxation progresses. The invitation to join is here;

*Time: May 22, 2021 09:00 AM London*

*Join Zoom Meeting*

*<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6391364558?pwd=KzlOT1lRVFYvUnYvQ1pOTjFxd1V1Zz09>*

*Meeting ID: 639 136 4558*

*Passcode: Tree20*

### **Church Planting Conference.** Multiply X Together.

This year's Church Planting conference will be held online on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June. This is organised by Bishop Ric (I am not making it up!) Thorpe, the Bishop of Edmonton, with various guest speakers. If you are interested in attending do get in touch as you will need a ticket.

### **In Person Services**

I am really pleased we are able to meet in church now and I truly hope we have seen our last lockdown! We are currently following the following pattern.

1st Sunday Morning Prayer and Praise

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Worship for all ages

3rd Sunday Morning Prayer and Praise

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Holy Communion (In person) and Morning Prayer and Praise (on line.)

### **Zoom Home Group Meeting**

We meet on a Tuesday Morning and we would be glad to be joined by a few more so if you are interested do get in touch. We usually meet for a chat and to discuss the reading from the previous Sunday.

### ***Getting back to "Normal."***

I am sure, like me, you will be pleased when life feels a bit less restricted. Although generally regulations are gradually easing there is no sign yet that we should relax the basic hygiene regulations; namely, social distancing, sanitizing before church, track and trace, wearing masks and regrettably, not singing. These restrictions are with us for some time to come. As restriction ease we will be allowed more people in church and I have removed the stickers from seats. If you want to keep your distance there is plenty of room to do so. Move away from people if you need to, they won't be offended will they .....

### ***Bishop Donald***

Bishop Donald has recorded a series of online bible talks. If you would like access to these do get in touch.

### ***Conclusion***

Despite all the opportunities the internet now affords us there is nothing in my view better than picking up a bible or devotional book and reading it; there is nothing better than simply sitting down and praying to God; there is nothing better than our private communion with God. None of this has been restricted and so long as we live in a free country none of it will be. Let us make the most of the liberty we enjoy.

God Bless and take care,

*James.*