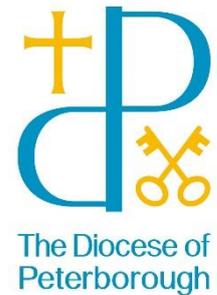


BISHOP'S BULLETIN No 55

To the Licensed Clergy of Peterborough Diocese

20 February 2022



Dear friends

Warm greetings to you. Most covid restrictions look set to be removed this month, with incidence of the disease still quite high (although mainly in a milder form and with more effective treatments). You will continue to come under pressure to move in many different directions at once, and you will have your own feelings and fears. As always, I and the senior team are here for you if you want a conversation or advice, and you will have my full support when you have to make decisions that are not universally popular.

Bishop's Management Group (BMG) and Bishops' Office

Talking of the senior team cues me in to welcome Canon Steve Benoy as my new chaplain. This is now a 60% role based in the Bishops' Office in Peterborough: Steve is continuing as DDO with support from others until the end of April, and from May takes up the 40% post as Canon Missioner at the Cathedral. Within the BMG, and in the Bishops' Office, we each take responsibility for various areas of work. Steve will lead on pastoral care of clergy, on our Ministry Development Review (MDR) process, and on safeguarding, among other things.

Please feel free to contact any of us as you need, by email or phone.

[Bishops, Chaplain, and Bishops' Office](#) [Dean and Archdeacons](#)
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Outdoor Worship

This might seem odd, given the recent weather, but I am extending my general permission for public worship, including Holy Communion, to take place in the churchyard or the parsonage garden until further notice. This is neither a suggestion nor an expectation, but I know that a few churches are still wanting to proceed this way until the congregations feel safe back in the church building. The decisions are your locally: I simply want to give you maximum freedom.

Bible Day / Lent Series

My talks on the four gospels are now available online, either on [our diocesan website](#), or on [my YouTube channel](#).

Prayers for the Sick

A gentle reminder that we should not be praying for the sick by name in public worship, or telling others that they are ill, without their express permission (or that of their next of kin if they are dying).

Platinum Jubilee

Liturgical resources are being prepared to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which is being celebrated over a four-day public holiday, 2-5 June. Once these are ready, you will find them [here](#).

I am attaching a leaflet about potential involvement for choirs in the Jubilee celebrations.

Holy Land

Just to let you know that bookings are now open for my September pilgrimage - please see [the online brochure](#) and make this known to your people.

With love in Christ

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