



THE PARISH OF ST. MARGARET, INGOL

Hallo everyone,

I hope that this letter finds you well, virus free and that, some of us at least, now able to get out and make contact with families who have been sorely missed in the last weeks. As I write this, we have been in shut-down for 14 weeks; it has made a difference to the spread of the virus undoubtedly, but I feel, reading the most recent statistics and information about it all, clearly we are not out of the woods yet, and I urge you all to take the utmost of care please.

So, we are out and about, if the news is to be believed, the great “easing” beginning to happen. Shops are open, businesses are starting to open up, zoos, parks and beauty spots are all now open for our delight and delectation, it seems that we are slowly beginning to get “back to normal”, but what will “normal” be I wonder? It is amazing I think how quickly we adapt, it seems we have always had to stand in queues for shops and services, we are used to standing apart when we meet others and have that conversation about how they are and how they are coping. I continue to have conversations with parishioners from the end of their drives, not so private, but at least we get to see each other! A long and hard journey for us all, but we are getting there.

As we journey on, there is some light at the end of the tunnel, and plans are afoot to re-open church in the near future. There are going to be restrictions of course to keep everyone as safe as we can keep them, social distancing and limiting of numbers being amongst the possible restrictions. When we have finalised all arrangements, I will be writing to you all to let you know how this will work. If church is open I know that many of you would be heading there as soon as you can, but for those of you who are still unsure, who are still shielding, or who just enjoy joining in the Sunday worship from home using the supplied service sheets and would like to continue receiving these letters and services after we go back into church, please can you let me know? I will happily still send out the services to those of you who would still like to receive them, just drop me a line, ring me on 01772 727208, or e mail me on revrie52@outlook.com, and I will ensure that you continue to receive these mail shots. Please let me know, if you don't, I will not know if you want them or not.

So we journey on, easing slowly back into society. Some people though will still not be able to do so, and if you know of anyone that is doing just that and needs any help, please let me know, we would be delighted to help in any way we can.

Please look out for the next letter about church opening, and how this will be for us all.

My prayer for you all is that God continues to hold you all close, that His strength and love continue to shield and protect you throughout these difficult days; and as we put our trust in Him, we will not falter, but continue to grow in certainty that His grace and love will help us through all of these times of trouble.

Please be careful, take care wherever you are and in all that you do.

With my, love and every blessing

Rev Rie

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