

THE PARISH OF ST. MARGARET, INGOL

Dear friends,

I can almost not believe that I am still writing to you all like this, so many weeks down the line and once again we are under further restrictions in an effort to try and curb the spread of this horrible virus. Still, whatever it takes to stop it eh? Although we cannot meet in each other's houses or gardens any more, church is still open, and we can still gather to worship God.

The virus has hit the holiday club run at school with PNE, and Preston City Council hard. Unfortunately it has been cancelled due to the local shut down, a great pity as we reached some of the most vulnerable children and families and I know that the children have really been enjoying the time at the club. They have loved the lunches we have provided and I have a whole load of "thank you" posters for those who have helped out and made the sandwiches. It's unfortunate, and I am just praying that we can open for the last week, I am not hopeful, but maybe God has bigger plans for the club than we have at the moment. There are plans afoot to keep working with school and the team to do more in the community when the children are back in school. There is much need to help out in our community and I hope that St Margaret's will still feature actively in the new plans. Watch this space for more info as it comes in.

As I have said, church is open and services are running well as we get used to the new way of doing things. I am celebrating the Eucharist 3 times a week, twice on Sunday and once on Wednesdays. Come along, you will need to book a place, so ring or e mail first (01772 727208, revrie52@outlook.com) to ensure you get a seat. Those of the congregation who have ventured out and joined us have said how safe they feel, and how much they have enjoyed being back in church again.

We have found a new gardener for church, and what a wonderful addition to the team. He has transformed the gardens for us, something that I was struggling to do alone. So we have a transformed garden, it looks so beautiful once again, we are so lucky to have such beautiful gardens round church.

So, I hope you are all coping and staying safe. As ever if you need anything at all just give me a call, I will certainly be only too happy to help if I can.

With my love and every blessing

Rev Rie

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