



# THE PARISH OF ST. MARGARET, INGOL



Dear Friends,

Well October already, a season of mellow fruitfulness.... or so it goes. I have been working on the services for the next 2 weeks and am horrified that with "the last Sunday after Trinity" we are almost at the end of Ordinary time and heading fast for Advent. Where has the year gone? It seems to me we have been so busy sorting out our lives during, lockdown that we have missed the time sailing by. And as we move ever onwards in the Church year it will soon be All Saints and All Souls Day and also Remembrance Sunday. I am determined that these services will go ahead with some semblance of normality and am busy planning for them. Keep an eye out for details of the services on the web page and in my letters.

We have managed to hold our Annual Parish Council Meeting last Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, and have completed important Church business in doing so. We now have Geoff Saul and Michelle Jones as our church wardens and welcome Mike and Judi Sands, Anton Mooney, Gwyneth Mooney and Delia Harris on to the PCC. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for offering themselves in service to God's Church and to His people, and I hope you have a fruitful term of office. I would also like to thank Anton Mooney, as retiring church warden, for all the service he has given in that post to St Margaret's Church. We move onwards and upwards, working together in God's service.

Services are going well now at church, and everyone seems to be getting the hang of how to self-isolate, sanitise and move around church, although I have to say the new QR Track and Trace App on the phones is still foxing some people! We are still open for business 3 times a week, Wednesdays at 10.30am and Sundays at 10am and at 11.30am. Why not come and join us if you feel able? Just give me a ring on 01772 727208 or drop me a line on [revrie52@outlook.com](mailto:revrie52@outlook.com) and I can book you a seat. It is so lovely to see people coming back to church. I have to say I was a little fearful that the latest Government announcement would curtail it all again, but for the time being we remain open and I can do nothing but give thanks for that.

I still send out an e-mail 6 days a week, which often contains lots of nonsense but also contains thoughts and prayers for the day. Our little e-congregation is growing now and it is a good way for us to be able to join together in prayer. I have also started looking at a prayer circle and prayer for Monday afternoons. We come together at 4pm on Mondays to reflect and pray in our own homes on different topics or focussing on different groups. If you are not part of this daily event and would like to be, please let me know and I can include you on the circulation list. Our prayers join together to form a huge circle of love

and support surrounding Ingol and Tanterton and give us all the opportunity to pray together for our community it's health and wellbeing.

With Advent on its way, as I have already mentioned, I have been looking at Advent Courses and activities for us all to get involved with, and I have found something that I plan to circulate through the daily e-mail, another reason to join us maybe? I will let you know the details shortly. After Christmas I have also planned for 2 Bible study groups and our Lent course, I am ever hopeful that things may change by then and we can meet on a different basis, face to face again, but I will let you know more details nearer the time.

So, as we remain in lock down, I urge you all to stake care and to stay safe. It is going to be particularly hard for many people with winter approaching, dark nights and cold days do not make for good socialising, even if we could socialise. If you need anything, just ring (01772 727208) if I can help I will. I continue to hold you all close in prayer in these difficult times, separation from family and loved ones is so hard, my prayer is that this, at the very least, will get better for us all in the near future.

Stay safe.

With my love and every blessing

Rev Rie

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