

Letter from The Reverend Chris Ambler

This plan covers the whole span of Lent and Easter, and almost but not quite to Pentecost. We will all be hoping it also covers a period of opening up and emergence from many restrictions and limitations due to covid.

I wonder what we have learned under covid. Not in terms of the details of living from day to day with masks and distancing, but in the larger sense of seeing life as a whole and how we will live it. Are there things that were part of life in 2020 that we will not return to in 2022 or beyond? If so, what will take their place? Or is this an opportunity to slow down and reposition ourselves?

In church terms there is also a question about what do we need to do now that we didn't do then? Or what has become more important now than it was then? For example, Foodbanks report increased use now over 2020, and the reports about energy prices seem to indicate that there will be more difficulties in the coming months rather than less. So, this area of the church's work seems set to continue.

But we will also see the celebration of resurrection at Easter. A reminder on the one hand that when all seems to have ended God retains the power and the desire to begin again and do something new. And on the other hand, the reminder that resurrection can only come when something has ended or died. If we are to embrace the start of the new, we will need to accept the end of the old. Those words are easy to write and difficult to live, but at the heart of our faith is a readiness to accept that change.

Just over the horizon from this plan is Pentecost and the celebration of the coming of the Spirit in power. The Spirit always works unexpectedly just as resurrection is unexpected in its detail. There is our hope and the hope we offer to others, God works through resurrection, through the power of the Spirit and always beyond what we expect or imagine. For God, the future into which we are invited is always open ended, though we will need to put down the old in order to pick up the new.

God bless,

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2022 Year C	March					April				May				
	6th	13th	20th	27th	3rd	10th	17th	24th	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th	
Lectionary	Lent 1	Lent 2	Lent 3	Mothering S	Passion Sun	Palm Sunday	Easter	Easter 2	Easter 3	Easter 4	Easter 5	Easter 6	Easter 7	
	Deut26:1-11	Gen15:1-12	Isaiah55:1-9	Josh5:9-12	Isai43:16-21	Isai50:4-9	Acts10:34-43	Acts5:27-32	Acts9:1-6	Acts9:36-43	Acts11:1-18	Acts16:9-15	Jhn17:20-26	
	Rom10:8-13	Phil3:17-4:1	1Cor10:1-13	2Cor5:16-21	Phil3:4-14	Phil2:5-11	1Cor15:19-26	Rev1:4-8	Rev54:11-14	Rev7:9-17	Rev21:1-6	Rev21:10,22-5	Rev22:12-17	
	Luke4:1-13	Lke13:31-35	Lke1:1-9	Lke15:11-32	John12:1-8	Lke19:28-40	Lke24:1-12	Jhn20:19-31	John21:1-19	Jhn10:22-30	Jhn13:31-35	Jhn14:23-29	Jhn17:20-26	
Bethel	6.00pm	Young	Lowther	Crook	C Parkes	Young	Lowther	Ambler hc	LA	Young b	Lowther	D Ryder	Ambler	LA
Chadsmoo	10.30am	J Ambler LD	Ambler b	LA	Pope	Ambler	Trigg	Hoe	Glover	Ambler	Spencer	Pope	LA	Glover
	6.00pm	Hoe LD	No Service	Ambler hc	S Parkes	D Ryder	No Service	Parkinson	C Parkes	S Parkes	No Serv	Ambler hc	Lowther	C Parkes
Featherston	11.00am	LA	Cowell	????	PLA	Young hc	Glover	Sigley	Cowell	LA	Young hc	Cowell	Café PLA	Timothy
Great Wyrle	11.00am	Ambler hc	LA	Lowther	Glover	Sigley	Devey	Ambler hc	Culver	LA	Ambler hc	LA	Trigg	Donkoh
Mill St	11.00am	Alexander	N/A	Young	N/A	Haywood	N/A	Young hc	N/A	P Dunn	N/A	Young hc	N/A	LA
Penkridge	10.30am	Haywood	Lowther	Timothy	Culver	LA	Alexander	LA	Brown	Lowther	Haywood	D Ryder	Young hc	LA
St Stephen	10.30am	Young	Sigley	LA	Giles	LA	Young hc	PLA	Trigg	Young hc	Mason	Timothy	D Ryder	Pope
	3.00pm			Young phone				Young phone				Young phone		
Salem	11.00am	LA	Glover	LA	Ambler	D Ryder	Culver	J Ambler	Ambler	Rothery	Giles	LA	Haywood	Ambler
	4.00pm			Ambler hc				Ambler hc				Ambler hc		
Trinity Hfd	10.30am	LA	Devey	Ambler hc	LA	Rothery	Ambler	Herring hc	Alexander	Maguire	Hoe	Ambler hc	Timothy	LA
U/Landywo	10.30am	Sigley	Timothy	Alexander	Young	J Ambler	P Dunn	Lowther	Young hc	Sigley	LA	Glover	LA	Young hc
Bourne	3.00pm	Eales hc				Ambler				Eales hc				
Brereton	10.30am	Rothery	Donkoh hc	LA	Hoe	Donkoh	Lowther	US St Paul's	Rothery	LA	Donkoh hc	LA	Lowther	P Dunn
Burntwood	10.00am	LA	Trigg	Eales b	Haden-Walk	Timothy	Haden-Walker	8.30 Eales hc	Culver	Glover	Eales b	Haden-Walker	LA	Eales hc
Cannock Wc	6.00pm	Crook	Donkoh hc	LA	Eales	Donkoh	C Parkes	Rothery	Giles	Donkoh hc	Mason	Eales	C Parkes	LA
Chase Terra	10.30am	Eales hc	Rothery	LA	Sigley	Glover	Eales	10am Eales	Hoe	Pope	Devey	Eales hc	Maguire	Hoe
Chasetown	11.00am	P Dunn	LA	Rothery	Eales hc	Timothy	Mason	Parkinson hc	Pope	Eales hc	LA	J Ambler T	Ambler	Eales hc
	6.00pm	Eales/St Anne's					Eales/StAnne's				Eales/StAnne's			
Handsacre	9.30am	L/A	Culver	Donkoh hc	Lowther	Eales	Rothery	@ St Paul's	L/A	LA	Ambler	Donkoh hc	Donkoh	Spencer
St Paul's	11.00am	Donkoh hc	Culver	P Dunn	D Ryder	Hoe	Donkoh	Donkoh US	Sigley	Donkoh hc	Trigg	LA	Rothery	LA
	6.00pm	Eales		Donkoh hc		Ambler		Donkoh hc		Ambler		Donkoh hc		
Trinity NC	11.00am	Glover	Eales hc	Trigg	LA	Eales hc	Rothery	Eales hc	P Dunn	LA	Sigley	Alexander	Eales hc	Lowther

LD Ladies Day

T Transport needed

hc Holy Communion

CS Circuit Service

b Baptism