

Dear All,

Following yesterday's announcements concerning the increasing severity of the pandemic, I met with the Church Wardens and PCC Secretaries of the Parishes of Radyr, St Fagans & Michaelston-Super-Ely and our Ministry Team on Zoom. **We have reluctantly taken the decision to close our churches for Public Worship from today until further notice.**

Funerals and weddings will be conducted whilst it is possible to do so.

It is with mixed feelings that I write to you because I believe that our churches play a crucial part in offering spiritual sustenance and pastoral care, but I am also convinced that the health and safety of our people are paramount. I am keenly aware that many who attend church are themselves vulnerable and, whilst we have made every effort to ensure our buildings are Covid free, we feel that we should set an example by discouraging people from gathering until the current situation improves.

We all recognise that over this past year we have learned to communicate with each other and worship together in new ways. Consequently, until further notice our worship will take the following pattern:

Sunday morning: One service on Zoom at 10:30am. Normally, this will be a Eucharist service but other formats will be interspersed such as a 'Songs of Praise'.

Sunday evening. There will be a recorded service available from 6:00pm, but once a month there will be a live Facebook service (time to be announced)

The Radyr Sunday club (via Zoom) will continue as normal. (*Children of all ages are welcome to join this group*)

I know you will understand that this decision has not been taken lightly. Given the current status of the pandemic – and the known increase of cases within our community – we feel we should be part of the effort to reduce risk. But please remember that, if at any time you are in need of pastoral care or know others who would appreciate a call, do let one of the Ministry Team know.

I think many of you will be delighted to hear that I am in conversation with the Radyr Medical Practice and it is likely that before long Radyr's Church Hall (The New School Rooms) will be used to begin the vaccination programme for the over 80's. I am delighted that we will soon be working with health professionals for the health and healing of our community

Please hold in your prayers all who are sick, those who care for them, all who work to prevent the spread of disease and particularly at this time those we know who are poorly and all who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Best Wishes

Vicki

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