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We are pleased to announce that today following the lifting of some Government restrictions we are able to resume our Sunday worship, albeit subject to distancing regulations, etc.

The church will continue to be open for private prayer and reflection on Wednesdays from 10am-1.30pm, this is for individual persons, or single households or support bubbles, entering the church to pray on their own and not as part of a group.

**Return of the Church Choir** - A group of lady singers from the church choir are returning today, following careful and considered safety procedures. The members will arrive at 9.30am for a 15-minute rehearsal entering via the South Porch where Track & Trace details will be recorded along with a handheld infra-red thermometer checking each member as they arrive. They will remain apart from the main congregation staying near to the high altar. During the service they will remain socially distanced from each other and at the end of the service they will continue to remain separated, leaving again via the South Porch. We hope to have a similar male group next week

Please note: It is important that members of the congregation do not enter via the South Porch but continue to attend through the double red doors.

**Christmas Services.** Services over the Christmas period are as follows:

Christmas Eve (24<sup>th</sup>) First Mass of Christmas at 7pm

Christmas Morning (25<sup>th</sup>) Mass at 10am,

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December - Mass at 10am

Father John will be leading all of these services

A team of cleaners will prepare the church between services.

These dates are subject to any changes in the rules governing what we can do

We are holding the first of three mini Christmas Markets after our service today. Today's is for Crafts, the second, next Sunday, will be for cakes and the last on 20th December for fresh floral table decorations.

There will be a raffle covering all three weeks to be drawn on the last Sunday.

The markets will be held in the centre, all price lists will be clearly displayed on the wall and will be in round pounds.

Masks must be worn and social distancing maintained, there will be a one-way system entering the centre by the door at back of Church and exiting by the centre door leading to the car park.

Festive items are welcomed for the Christmas hamper raffle and for the stalls.

Cakes for the sale on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> to be brought on the day or we can collect if needed. Please contact Geraldine or Sue Bainbridge (784424)

Jenny Turner sends her love to all of her friends at St George's, she has moved to the Walberton Place Care Home where she is settling in nicely. Sadly, owing to the current restrictions she is unable to receive visitors, however the Home are kindly downloading and printing a copy of this newsletter for her each week. Her address for Christmas cards is Walberton Place Care Home, Yapton Lane, Walberton, Arundel. BN18 0AS

We include an item that has been submitted to us by Barbara Phillips

### **A Reflection on Psalm 23**

**The Lord is my Shephard - That's Relationship!**

**I shall not want - That's Supply!**

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures - That's Rest!**

**He leadeth me beside the still waters - That's Refreshment!**

**He restoreth my soul - That's Healing!**

**He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness - That's Guidance!**

**For His Name's Sake - That's Purpose!**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death - That's Testing!**

**I shall Fear No Evil - That's Protection!**

**For thou art with me - That's Faithfulness!**

**Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me - That's Discipline!**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies - That's Hope!**

**Thou annointest my head with oil - That's Consecration!**

**My cup runneth over - That's Abundance!**

**And I will dwell in the house of the Lord - That's Security!**

**Forever - That's Eternity!**

Thank you, Barbara,

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September 2021?**

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With the re-commencement of Sunday services, we require readers to read the lessons and responsorial Psalm, if you would like to join the rota for this important duty please contact us.

**Items for future Newsletters.** We still welcome all contributions, we hope to send a Bumper Christmas Edition out on Sunday 20th December, if there any items that you would like to share with us please send them to the editors.

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