

Voice from the Vicarage October 22nd 2021

Dear All,

Something to lean on....

It might be that one or two folk reading this epistle would like either a prie-dieu (from the French 'pray (to) God') or a godly seat for their small corner. We have six of these, originally in the Lady chapel, that are surplus to our requirements. For some time now they have been stored in the back 'shed' of the Bardin Centre, soon to be home for the Sydney Road Community School.

Adrian Nye has offered to separate the two (desk and seat), previously joined to make the prie-dieu much more suitable for a corner in your home.

If you'd like one, or view them, let me know asap for very soon they will need to be disposed of.. They are free to a good home.



One of these could be yours.....

There are six of these..



There are two of these seats available..

Back to Church!

I have written and spoken many times that our core 'can't live without' work is prayer and the adoration of God

Over the next month or so, we shall be able to return to public worship, and establish our own 'highway to heaven' map at Christ Church, which allows the possibility for any person to return or come for the first time to the altar on Sundays.

Daily pattern resumes....

Meanwhile, from next **TUESDAY** the public offering of the daily Eucharist will return to Christ Church and will be celebrated in the nave to allow for suitable spacing. These services will be of the 'status unknown' category. By that I mean they will be open to those who are vaccinated and those unvaccinated. Until 80% double dose is reached numbers for such services are limited to 10 persons (realistically we rarely have more than that number at the midweek masses). Once 80% is reached the number increases to 20, which will fairly comfortably cover all masses save for the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Public Evening Prayer @ 6 p.m. from Tuesday—Saturday will also resume from Tuesday, again of the 'status unknown' category.

I ASK THAT MASKS BE WORN AT THESE SERVICES

SUNDAYS

The Archbishop rightly requires that the pattern of offering for Sundays be a matter of discussion by the vicar, the churchwardens and the Parish Council.

The Council will meet over the coming week to agree a pattern of worship for SUNDAYS. Meanwhile on this coming Sunday, and probably the following we will continue the ONLINE provision.

Once the Council has come to a mind I will write to everyone on 'The Voice' list outlining the worship pattern going forward.

Offering Envelopes now available....

As you may know there are a number of means by which a person may make a financial offering to the ongoing life of Christ Church and to mission. One of them is by means of 'free will' offering envelopes. They come in a box with a year's worth of Sundays, and then each week there are two available envelopes, one for money for the parish and another for mission giving. (Each month the parish designates a charity that receives \$500) Just to say, these envelopes are simply an aid to a person's discipline in giving. No one chases anyone up, or even knows who has envelopes!



There are boxes at the back of the church for any who might find them helpful...

THIS SUNDAY

Mass will be ONLINE @ 10 a.m.

The Reserved Sacrament can be collected tomorrow (Friday) between 2—5 and during the SAME HOURS on SATURDAY

On a different matter, if you want to join the electoral roll forms are available at the back of the church and they must be returned to the vicarage by 31st of the month. If you are on the roll already, no need to do anything! Our AGM will be on Sunday November 28th.

And finally, some might say one grand piano per household is enough, but we are talking vicarage now...the grand from the Bardin Centre is now in its new home in the big, and we pray, soon to be bigger room that will be at the heart of the new 'parish house'....while my own rather inferior baby grand moves into the other living room, which is getting more and more like a crowded Edwardian drawing room every day.. Much love, +Lindsay



Many thanks to those who stumped up \$50 for a chair for the Lamb and Flag. Very much appreciated!