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Dear friends,

## **Our church buildings are open!**

We are delighted that after 4 or more months of being closed, our buildings are beginning to open for personal prayer and, from September, for Sunday services

This is to let you know what is happening in each place in the Autumn. Please be aware that arrangements may have to change at short notice if the regulations alter or restrictions are re-introduced. If you have access to email but haven't yet signed up to the weekly newsletter, please email me (address above) and I will add you in.

You will need to wear a mask in church unless you are exempt from doing so. Hand sanitiser and safety signs are in each building, and we will be sitting in every other pew to maintain social distancing. Unfortunately, we are not permitted to sing at the moment but many services will have music to listen to.

Please do check out services at all our churches – it may be that it is simpler for you to attend in a different church to your usual one.

### **St Edmund's Shipston**

From September 6th, services on **Sunday at 10am** will restart. If you would like to join us please call Hilary Kelly (01608 662491) to book a place as numbers will be limited. We aim to stream this service on Zoom.

If numbers on Sunday are too high, we will encourage you to choose between Wednesdays and Sundays to attend. Our **Wednesday service** will continue at 10am and currently you do not need to book for this.

**Evensong** will restart in September on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 4pm. You do not need to book for this service – just come along.

### **Tidmington Church**

Our monthly service of **Holy Communion** has restarted and will continue at 11.30am on the first Sunday of the month. You do not need to book.

**Soul Space** will restart in the autumn – look out for details and in the meantime, the dedicated space on the website contains podcasts to listen to ([www.shipstonchurch.org/worship/soul-space-podcast/](http://www.shipstonchurch.org/worship/soul-space-podcast/))

The church remains open every day for private prayer.

### **All Saints' Honington**

The church is open for **private prayer** following Morning Prayer at 8.45am each Tuesday.

From September, there will be two **Sunday services** a month, both at 10am. You do not have to book for these.

Second Sunday at 10am – Morning Prayer

Third Sunday at 10am – Holy Communion.

### **St James' Idlicote**

In September, we will continue our **Morning Prayer** service at 9.45am every Thursday.

The church is open for private prayer following this service, and also on Sunday afternoons from 2-4pm.

**Sunday services** will resume in October – keep an eye out for the sign in the village.

We look forward to seeing each other again in church, but recognise that not everyone will feel safe or be able to be with us. For these people, we will continue to provide resources to use at home. The Daily Hope phone line from the Church of England offers hymns, prayers and reflection and is available 24 hours a day. The number to call is 0800 804 8044.

Please do get in touch if there is more we can be doing,

Every blessing

Sarah