

Covid 19: Notice 1

The first disruption to our planned services resulting from Covid 19 is the cancellation of the service at St Paul's for the induction of Rev Andrew Thomas on 31 March.

Andrew will now be inducted by Bishop Robert at his chapel in Exeter. This will not include representatives of the Mission Community. We will be able to celebrate Andrew's arrival in due course once restrictions on gatherings have been relaxed.

This does not affect the timing of Andrew's arrival in the rectory or of his taking over as our Rector.

Covid 19: Notice 2

The Archbishop of Canterbury announced on 17 March that for the immediate future planned church services would be suspended with immediate effect. Please make sure that anyone you know who may not have heard about this learns about it.

Churches should remain open as places of sanctuary and prayer.

It was made clear that weddings and funerals would continue but there is no guidance yet on whether the detail of these will be affected.

Revd Di Caine will be circulating around churches for prayer and will welcome anyone who feels able to do the same.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has encouraged us to join in virtual worship, joining broadcast services and to pray at home. Anne de Looy has been considering how far we might be able to develop virtual worship and prayer groups and a further notice will follow about this.