

## **RECTOR'S PINT**

The beginning of August will see a return to the regular pattern of worship that we had before the pandemic. We are though committed to a review of this which will take place in the autumn. Of course, as we return to some kind of 'normal', we will need to continue to be considerate of others, which is absolutely correct and rather a good principle to live our lives by!

While there can be no guarantee that restrictions will not return, we all hope that this will not be the case. I therefore want to take this opportunity to thank all those who have journeyed with us through this time, those who have joined in with the zoom services or who have responded to some of the material that has been sent out every week as well as those who have returned to our simple Church services Sunday by Sunday. It has been a huge privilege to share in these. As far as the zoom is concerned, Cath and I have sat at the study desk with everyone on 'gallery view' and there has been such an extraordinary sense of connection. I have also really enjoyed the simplicity of our church services. Through it all I believe that God has been there, giving us new opportunities, and encouraging us to continue to support each other. For our online service, I have really enjoyed hunting for new and different pieces of music as well as finding versions of the old and familiar, who can forget our wonderful Russian with his huge beard singing 'O the deep deep love of Jesus.' And of course, there has been Malcolm Guite, with some of his extraordinary poems.

As we return to some kind of normal, it won't be without a sense of loss, at least for me, and a gratitude, paradoxically for some of the high points of the last eighteen months.

A huge thankyou to you all. In the middle of all the difficulties, it has been a real joy.

*Simon*