



News from St Marks

Although we remained closed for worship throughout the last month we are looking forward to the future and Eastertide. I have two baptism requests already and we are progressing on our job description for a Children and Families' worker. It has been a slow process and I am afraid this has a lot to do with calls on my time as a lecturer, particularly time-consuming during lockdown! And perhaps the fact that it is not my field of experience. However, I am blessed with great support from the project manager at the diocese as well as Father Clive and Father Neil. We will get there! The rest of the time has been just keeping up with church life albeit at a distance. I continue to make a short film each week for the Facebook page and the website. It seems to go down well though I cannot claim to have become an internet sensation! Maybe I need to start doing tiktok dances? Maybe not. I also had a lovely contribution from one of my families – they filmed a short service of a story and role play. We learnt a bit about the Good Samaritan and how following Jesus means being kind to everyone and animals too. We also learnt that it is difficult to make a film then try and send it as it is too big for emails! Still, it was so lovely to have people involved so that St Mark's does not look too much like a one woman set up! As spring fast approaches I am going to start thinking more about how the small churchyard that surrounds the church on two sides can be dug up and re-planted as a wilded area with pollinators. I am hoping for some volunteers [hint hint] because as a garden-less person I need help knowing what to do! I am also hoping that we can then look at the third side of the churchyard as a edible community growing area – but feel it is best to keep both sections as two separate projects for now. Even if there is nothing else you can help with – please pray for St Mark's and that we will make a difference to the community which I hope, in turn, will want to know more about why we are called to do the things we do!

Blessings, Mother Cherry