

## A Parish Strategy during Covid-19

<p><b>LET GO</b>          What have/are we stopping/letting go of as a result of the past months that can/should be let go of permanently?</p> <p>a chance to make changes: opportunity to look at noise levels from East End of church (Café, children’s corner) that may detract from the enjoyment of others in main church, and chapel – can it be fixed by doing something that won’t be worse? (we want to maintain/develop our reputation for being a warm and welcoming refuge)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>RESTART</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">What have we had to stop/reduce focus on strategically because of the crisis and must now restart?</p> <p>Little Saints; coffee mornings; English conversation; Listeners; opening every day;          All services; singing hymns; singing generally; music; Choir; midweek evensong; children’s workshop; receiving Holy Communion;          resume all church life: place of worship and social space;          shed fear; looking outwards rather than focusing on only those people we know and are familiar with – we need to look to a wider group outside out knowledge*;          resume social aspects of church life; have a party!</p>
<p><b>END</b>          What have we done that was fine for a season and can/should now be lost? i.e. it probably does not have strategic importance</p> <p>Booking in for services; limiting numbers; social distancing</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>AMPLIFY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">What have we been able to do because of the crisis that has strategic value and that we need to hang on to – build on/develop</p> <p>streaming of services – continue and build on; reaching people who may not be able to come into church;          web presence; social media used more actively: Facebook (thanks to Paul);          hand sanitiser – retain;          Zoom meetings for some purposes;          increased number of verger volunteers enabling greater presence in the church;          increased contact via email/Zoom; weekly email from Jonathan;          contactless giving;</p>

\*John 20: 19-22

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

**On what important issues is it too early to say?**

Will people return to church? They may want to but may be fearful  
 Holy Communion