



Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parishioners

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ to you.

I am writing to update everyone on our electoral roll in light of the relaxation of safety measures controlling COVID-19 in England.

At the Minster we have decided to remain cautious. Happily, we have been able to meet on Sundays for all our services of worship for several months now, taking various precautions. We will continue to ask that masks be worn indoors, and that close contact be minimised. We are going to return to congregational singing from this Sunday. Otherwise, services will remain in the form we have established, hoping and praying earnestly for a national decline in infections and hospitalisations.

We continue to record visitors under the 'Track and Trace' system. To date we are not aware of any spreading events linked to the Minster, thanks to everyone's self-discipline. We will continue to do all we can for all our sakes and keep our situation under review.

Various of our groups have stayed in contact by telephone and Zoom. Minster services are recorded and transmitted on YouTube. We are welcoming back church friends that we haven't been able to see for quite some time, and that is a particular source of joy.

After the summer we hope to be in a better position to recommence many activities, pastoral and social. Our Lay Pastoral Assistants and Clergy will be able to offer home visits and Home Communion in due course – please do contact us in this respect, either through your normal contact or the Parish Office.

Work on the organ is progressing, twelve new pipes arrived last week, and we expect some reinstallation to commence by the end of the summer, with completion by Easter 2022. We are continuing to raise funds through the Wimborne Minster Musical Heritage Trust to further endow the music provision here.

The Minster is now open for general visitation on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10am-4pm. Guides and Library have resumed operations. The shop is being revised with hopes for a general re-ordering of the Rear Nave in the year ahead. Daily Prayers, morning and evening, continue on Zoom – please inform us of any prayer requests.

All in all, there is much reason to thank the Good Lord. We are in good heart, looking forwards to offering ministry and mission here as we all adjust to the new 'normal' and enable Christ's Kingdom to come.

Thank you for your support from all the team here at The Minster.

With every blessing

Yours in Christ

The Revd Canon Andrew Rowland - Rector