

## Vicar's Report to the APCM – April 2022 (I will talk about these some more, and answer questions at the APCM)

### THANKS BE TO GOD..

- For all that we learned and were blest by during lockdown.
- That we are now able to worship, gather, sing, pray, socialize, and serve without restriction.
- For all those who used their time, talents, ingenuity, and resources in the service of God and his church during these difficult times.
- For new people having joined us – online and in person - especially Cally Burch who came to minister alongside us in July
- For all of you - your support, resilience, faithfulness, and good humour - all of which have been such a blessing!

### WHERE ARE WE NOW?

- **In good shape**, and ready for the challenges ahead.
- **Leaner!** There are fewer of us, and many are exhausted and in need of refreshment.
- **Blest with huge opportunities** to serve God and his people! The world is different 'Post Covid' and we must adapt what we do to suit that new world and embrace the opportunities that lie before us.
- **At a Crossroads** - shall we go back? Shall we split and go off in different directions? Shall we go forward together into God's new future?

### WHAT DO WE NEED?

- **To work together more than ever before.** We are one parish, led by one ministry team, serving one community of Fleet. In future we need to share our resources across the parish where they are most needed. This includes our musical resources, with which we have been richly blest!
- **To develop a programme of worship that truly honours God** and enables people of all ages and backgrounds to join us. To do the same kind of service in two different locations at the same time is a shocking waste of time and opportunity! We will continue to provide for those who prefer traditional worship, but will also offer a wider menu of worship some Eucharistic and some not.
- **To get younger!** I sense that God is already beginning to do this for us, but we need to be able to provide good quality ministry with children and families, in a safe environment for all, and without wearing out our junior church and youth leaders.
- **To get our Coffee bar and Community lunches back to full strength.** These are tools in in our work of mission and outreach and have been greatly missed. We have relied upon a small group of people to provide these for far too long - they must be succeeded by a new team who are ready to take up the baton!
- **To be ready to grasp the enormous opportunity that will be presented by the reopening of All Saints!**
- **To find new people** to fill a wide array of roles and responsibilities that are currently vacant or carried by people who already have too much on their plate. You will be hearing more about this soon!
- **To pray constantly!** Together and alone – this is the engine room of all we do and our most important responsibility.