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Dear Friends,

We write to greet you in the name of Jesus and continue to hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well.

These past two Sundays our Church has been open for worship and around 50 people have attended one or both services. As our seating capacity is only 40, it is clear that not even those who have already dipped their toe in the water and come to experience worship in this new way could be accommodated in the same service.

At our Church Council meeting on Monday evening, members shared how wonderful it had been to gather together in worship and see one another face to face (or at least behind the face masks).

As ministers we are aware that there are some within our worshipping community who must continue to shield or who are not yet ready to return. We want to assure you all that the circuit online worship will be continuing well into the new year.

For those who wish to come and worship in the church we are asking that each person finds a rhythm for their own spiritual needs and growth <u>by attending about once every two weeks</u>. This would mean that over a two-week period about 70 different people could attend plus the 5 hosts for each service.

We are looking at the possibility of holding an early morning 30-minute communion service and also a midweek evening service.

During October, the worship being offered is:

October 4 10.30am October 11 10.30am

October 18 9.00am Communion 10.30am Harvest Festival

October 25 10.30am Communion

On the 18 October after the early morning communion the church will be 'fogged', using our recently purchased 'fogging machine', which will make it Covid safe for the next worship at 10.30am.

## If you wish to attend any of these worship services, then:

✓ You must contact Bev Combes advising which dates you plan to attend:

email (pref): <a href="mailto:comingtochurch@mhmc.org.uk">comingtochurch@mhmc.org.uk</a>

call/ text/ WhatsApp: 07954580887

- ✓ You will receive an automated response confirming that your name is on the list for the Sunday service you are asking about. However, if there are already too many people on the list then Bev will be in touch to find another date that you can attend that has capacity.
- ✓ The response will also remind you of some of the basics we need to be aware of like social distancing, wearing masks, departing promptly etc.

We hope that this simple way of 'booking' will enable as many people as are able to begin to attend worship on a regular basis. All of this is new to us all, so any ideas or helpful feedback is always welcome.

May God continue to bless you and keep you safe and strong in the Lord

Love from us all

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