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Hello everyone,

As we head into September we want to keep you as up to date as possible with the services taking place across the team. As always, but particularly in the current situation, these plans are subject to change. If there is anything specific that we can do to support you please do get in touch and we will do our best to help.

We are planning services as if the current level of lockdown will continue. This means that services will look very different to our usual practice at this time of year.

Included this week are the times and locations of the services through September and October. We are aware that some people will be disappointed that their 'regular' service will not be held each week. However, if you feel able to join in worship in our buildings then we'd love to encourage you to try out worship somewhere else, or at a different time.

We have been busy forming a Special Services Planning Group to enable us to celebrate the many upcoming festivals as faithfully and creatively as possible. This does mean, though, that it will take longer to confirm the details of these services. As one of the first festivals in the season, we are still planning our Harvest celebrations. Hopefully we will have good news to share with you in due course.

We would like to continue to reassure you that we will produce and send out resources for you and provide the online service for as long as we need to, so that those who don't feel it is time to physically attend are still part of our worshipping community.

This week's resources continue to reflect the season of Creationtide, including a letter written by the Most Reverend Dr Thabo Cecil Makgoba, Archbishop of Cape Town, to Justin Welby reflecting on what it means to care for creation in his context. He speak with honesty about the challenges caused by climate change in his province. The challenge in this week's gospel reading is 'if another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone.' The flip side of the challenge is to listen to the members who come to speak with us – that we might be reconciled. This season a whole host of Archbishops have been asked to speak out against the impact we are having on this planet – are we ready to listen to them and be reconciled?

In your mailing this week you will also find the weekly readings and Team intercessions sheet.

Don't forget you can ask for a chat, or prayer, by phoning 01432 273086 or your Pastoral Coordinator.

We hope these resources help you feel connected as we worship as a scattered Church. And as more of the restrictions ease during lockdown, please do stay safe and well!

God Bless,
Ruth and Jo