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Hello everyone,

This week has been a long awaited week for Joanna Burden, our curate, and for the Team. Jo was due to be ordained in July, but due to Covid restrictions the ordination was not able to go ahead. The ordination was postponed and finally, this Sunday, the ordination will take place in the cathedral at 12noon. This is wonderful and special day for Jo, for the Team and for Jo's friends and family. Please do take time to pray for Jo in preparation for this service, and for all who will be ordained alongside her, or later in the day.

Jo is only allowed to invite 6 people to be her guests at the service in the cathedral, but we thought you might like to be part of the service from your homes. Therefore as part of the mailing this week we have included part of the ordination liturgy so that, if you would like to, you could pause at 12noon on Sunday 27th September, and pray this knowing that the same service is taking place in the cathedral at that time.

At St Michael's, Breinton in the afternoon of 27th September, at 3.30pm there will be a short outdoor service of welcome for Jo, where she will read aloud her license (a legal requirement) and we will vest her in her ordination stole. This will also be our Harvest celebration where we will remember all that God has given us, and that despite these difficult times, we still have food, clean water, homes and much more. If you feel able to join us we would be glad to see you and ask that, if you are able, could you please bring a chair! (We will have some spares for those not able to bring one)

You might also like to remember in prayer: Lynden Webb being ordained priest on Saturday 26th, Lauren Bell continuing her ordination training, and Naomi Jones-Clark beginning her ordination training this week.

Alongside those of you receiving APCM reports (All Saints this week), this week you will also find a sermon by Malcolm Robertson for 16th Sunday after Trinity, prayers of intercession, the weekly readings, and Team intercessions sheet, and a sermon in advance of Michaelmas on 29th September.

We know that for many of you the uncertainty and anxiety about lockdown restrictions and health continues. We want to remind you that we are here for you. If you find you need a chat, prayer, or some practical help then do reach out – either by phoning 01432 273086 or by contacting your Pastoral Coordinator.

We hope these resources help you feel connected as we worship as a scattered Church. Please be assured that you are not forgotten, that you are remembered in our prayers and that we long for the day when we can meet again as the whole church in one body and one place.

God Bless,
Ruth and Jo