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Hello everyone,

Some of you might notice that the mailing this week is quite bulky, some will notice this in the coming weeks!

As you are probably aware the APCMs were due to happen in the spring but due to the lockdown they were postponed. We are holding them over the next month and hopefully you have a note of the dates now. We will be sending out the APCM report to all churches in due course, but this week St Nicholas' congregation have received theirs in preparation for their APCM this Sunday, 20th September after the morning service. It contains all the reports for all the APCMs in a trial of a Team APCM report, rather than individual parishes.

Sending out the report means that even if you don't feel comfortable attending the APCMs you can read through the reports and can send in any comments before the meetings. If you have any responses to the reports please do get in touch either by phone, through your Pastoral Coordinator or by writing to the Team Office.

The church wardens, members of the PCC, parish representatives, administrators and others have put lots of hard work into these documents. We'd like to say thank you to them for everything they've done –we know that the conditions have been less than ideal and we're all having to change our plans and manage our expectations.

There will also be time in our APCMs to say thank you to all those who have served and who are stepping down – many of them have given years of service to our churches and team. We are very grateful for everything they have done. Especially for those who had planned to step down earlier this year and have faithfully continued to serve until the belated APCMs.

Looking a little further ahead, on the 27th September Jo will be ordained deacon in Hereford Cathedral. Although the plans are not yet confirmed there will be a service in the afternoon of the 27th to celebrate Jo joining the team here. We will be able to share more details with you in next week's mailing.

Alongside the various documents for the APCM you will find the usual contents of the mailing. This week you will find a sermon by Bishop David, prayers of intercession, the weekly readings, and Team intercessions sheet. In addition, each church is receiving extra information about a charity their church supports (St Michael's folk: Sheila has your information about your student from St Mark's college, and will hopefully pass it onto you.)

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