



A Message From Edward:

Today should have been the date of our Annual Parochial Church Meeting: An occasion to celebrate our achievements over the past year and to make preparations for the running of St John's in the year ahead.

Given the current circumstances it is, of course, unthinkable that this should go ahead: churches across the country have been told that APCMs should be postponed and can take place by the end of October.

Although we can't gather for this, you may still wish to spend this time thinking about the past year at St John's: For myself and the family it's been a significant one, having been licensed as Team Vicar in June. I've really enjoyed making friends, being part of the worship and life of the parish, and seeing our church flourish in so many ways.

You may also wish to think about the year ahead; We're seeing huge possibilities emerging in terms of our children's engagement, social events, and our relationships within the wider Bexley Team – perhaps the 'given time' of lockdown will be a chance for us to reflect on how St John's can grow further in its life and ministry? If any suggestions come to you do please let me know, I'd love to hear them.

The APCM is also a chance to review the electoral roll, the official 'membership' list of our church: if you would like to be on it and think you may qualify, please email me for a form.

Stay Safe!

Edward