

## St Magnus Church Lerwick



Tuesday October 20th 2020

To my fellow members in the Body of Christ at St Magnus' church,

I felt that I wanted to write to you all again to keep you informed and up to date with how things are working out for us at St Magnus'.

We had a meaningful and joyful re-entry into the church building on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Everything went according to plans and hopes and we were able to celebrate the Eucharist together around a newly lit Easter candle. (We did discover however that it is not reliable enough to Zoom from the church building.)

There are a good number of people now joining together on Zoom at 10.45 on Sunday mornings and we certainly wanted to ensure we all felt "connected". In view of this we have decided to run parallel gatherings on a Sunday morning, both at 10.45 and both using the same readings and prayers. To this end on October 18<sup>th</sup> Harvest thanksgiving was marked both in church and on Zoom.

This pattern will now continue and people should feel free to move between both platforms of worship. (Don't forget we would like to know if you want to come to St Magnus church for reasons of ensuring we have enough seats. Please contact Helen Randall or myself if you want to be there on a Sunday morning.)

On November 1<sup>st</sup> we will be celebrating All Saints and All Souls day together and Helen Randall will be leading a non-Eucharistic service in St Magnus and I will be leading the Zoom gathering. November 8<sup>th</sup> is of course Remembrance Sunday and we will mark a time of remembrance together on this day.

St Magnus Vestry meets next on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and at this meeting we will receive the accounts for the year in readiness for presenting them to the congregation at the AGM. The AGM will be taking place on Zoom this year and is likely to be in the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup> November at a date to be decided on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November at the Vestry meeting.

The AGM will receive the accounts and carry out elections and nominations as usual, but nothing more. You will be informed shortly how to make nominations to the various church tasks which we need to fill, for example how many vestry members we need, how many wardens we need, and other church officers. Please begin to approach one another to ask yourselves the questions and to identify people to serve St Magnus for the next year.

Once again I warmly thank all you for making and ensuring St Magnus' continues to be a loving and caring group of people seeking to serve God in these interesting times. It is wonderful to see the ways we have learnt to support and care for each other and wider afield.

If you need any other information, PLEASE let me know. I am available through e mail and phone, and Messages can be passed on. My e mail address is [revnab@btinternet.com](mailto:revnab@btinternet.com) . Please do not sit and wait in silence!

Prayers and Blessings on you all, and may you find light and peace in this time of challenge and uncertainty.

Your Rector and Priest

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil Brice". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

Neil Brice