

Dear friends,

Just a few days in and I am already feeling welcomed, encouraged, and very excited for our future together as disciples, pilgrims, friends, and explorers. Thank you for your part in that welcome, and I am hugely excited to get to know you over the coming months and years.

Whilst it is my intention to spend time finding out how things work before we talk about what we might like to do next, it did strike me as important to ensure that we could worship together as a Ministry Area as quickly as possible. To that end we now have a YouTube channel where we will ensure there is an act of Worship every Sunday that is local to us, in terms of locations and people leading the service.

**The service this Sunday will be available at 9.30am here -**

**Usk Ministry Area YouTube**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS\\_MICl7UW1xWiQm7ZxMr1A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS_MICl7UW1xWiQm7ZxMr1A)

After the service, there will be a chance to have coffee together (virtually) if you would like, on Zoom. This may be complete chaos, but I miss coffee after church and thought we could give it a try.

**Coffee After Church will be at 10.30am and can be found on Zoom here -**

**Coffee After Church**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3798406972?pwd=Y2xSWnBZekRIUWFtTkVWMVczVkx2QT09>

**Meeting ID: 379 840 6972**

I am keen that our Sunday services online should feature as many different people and places as possible. If you would like to read a lesson, or write and pray the intercessions, please drop me a line and I will add your name to the list. If you are able to record yourself that would be ideal but if not there are ways and means that I could record you safely, within Covid guidelines (perhaps even via Zoom), so don't be put off if you would like to take part in a service but are not sure how to do it!

In addition you may be interested in two other services that I have become aware of that, having chatted to the other Ministry Area leaders in the deanery, are now to become deanery services. I encourage you to take the opportunity to join our wider Christian family in these opportunities. One is Morning Prayer led by the Goytre MA on Wednesdays. The other is on Thursdays, in the evening, Compline, and the leader for this will vary across the deanery. If you are not familiar with Compline I commend it to you as a service designed to finish the day well, and I have to confess I always sleep better afterwards! These services can be found here -

**Wednesday Deanery Morning Prayer on Zoom at 10am**

**Meeting ID = 946 717 9804**

**Passcode 8fkwr2**

**Thursday Evening Deanery Compline on Zoom at 8pm**

<https://zoom.us/j/95495083856?pwd=Vk16YzJPb2dCcUpzZGh0RDh5czlGUT09>

**Meeting ID: 954 9508 3856**

Please feel free to share all these links widely so that we can try to let the whole world that they can worship with the Usk Ministry Area easily and safely.

## Five Minute Chats

You may also like to know that I will be putting my Just Five Minutes reflections and chats onto the YouTube page on Mondays and Thursdays at 9am. These are short informal chats that I do; light and encouraging. I've already put the previous two onto the site so pop over and have a look.

Finally, please accept my apologies for this letter being so full of technology, it won't always be this way! I hope you have a good weekend and are able to join us for my first service on Sunday on our new YouTube channel.

With love and prayers,

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