

From Alison Radford

Thought for today

I'm sitting writing this on Sunday evening ready to send out on Monday morning. We've just been watching the first act of Noel Coward's Private Lives with Robert Lindsay, Emma Thompson, Emilia Clarke and Sanjeev Bhaskar. I bought tickets online and the act was read on Zoom so we had the fun of seeing the studies or sitting rooms of these famous actors. It meant only an hour's viewing and was really wonderful to see these actors taking us into the story even though they were in separate places with no costumes or scenery. But most of all it was wonderful to have access to an artistic experience which is in such short supply these days.

We had a similar experience this morning in church when at last we were able to listen to our choir sing the service for us. We are not allowed to sing with them yet, but it was wonderful to hear the praise of the Lord in live song. We've missed these spiritual events which we've had to do without for so many months. We know it's important that we pray for all those people who are suffering from Covid, but we all need to keep ourselves healthy with the opportunity to enjoy some of the artistic experiences that make life worth living.

Events

[Zoom Persecuted Church Prayer Meeting](#) - This evening at 7.30pm:

[Zoom Morning Prayer](#) - Tuesday 15th at 9.00am:

Service of Morning Prayer – Wednesday 16th September at 10 am in church.

I shall be hosting the [Zoom Coffee Morning next Saturday](#), from 10.30 am.

Patronal Festival - Sunday 20th September 10 am in church and online. Please join us one way or the other. There will be no lunch together as we usually do, but if you come to church, do bring your own refreshments so that we can at least talk together for a while afterwards. Our new Archdeacon, Rosemarie Mallett will be preaching. Please let [Terry our Church Administrator know via email](#) if you are intending to come, as we limited in the numbers we can safely accommodate.

Sunday services – will continue on Sundays online and in church, at 10 am on Sunday 27th September and don't forget that it will be at 8.30 am on Sunday 4th October.