

# **APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

## **Church Opening for private prayer**

As you will no doubt be aware the Government has indicated that Churches may open for private prayer as from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. An organising group has met to look at how this may be done and details will be circulated shortly via the Parish Newsletter from Teresa Walters.

We have agreed that we will attempt to open Ss Peter & Pauls for private prayer and we are looking at Sundays 10am to 2pm, Tuesdays 10am to 2pm and Thursdays 4pm to 8pm. I will not go into details of why and how at this stage.

For each session when the church is open we are required to have 3 Stewards and 1 cleaner and we are working to have 2 groups per session with 2 hour slots which means that we will need 6 groups to cover the 3 sessions.

Training will be provided and it is proposed to hold a training session this Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> June from 2pm to 4 pm with a trial run with volunteers included. Signage and a deep clean of the church is being arranged. Subject to our risk assessment being approved we hope to start on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>. We will review the whole situation next week.

For all this to happen we need Stewards and Cleaners and I have been asked to arrange this and I seek your help. There is extensive guidance which will be given during the training. The criteria is that you must be deemed healthy and fit for work and at present this excludes those who are deemed vulnerable (over 70 years and/or with certain pre existing health conditions, self isolating or shielding. We are working on the basis that 70 + with no existing conditions etc are eligible.

This is an important step forward and to achieve this we need your help. The cleaning is not the deep clean after each session but certain basic cleaning of the spaces where attendees have been, door knobs and other points of contact.

**Please help by volunteering for either role.** If you are able to help please contact me at [aobodger@hotmail.com](mailto:aobodger@hotmail.com).