

LETTER FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Dear Friends

Have you got that end of term feeling that you had as a child? The weather is lovely and everyone is relaxed and looking forward to a holiday break. In schools the exam season is over and teachers and pupils are adopting a more relaxed approach as the children will soon be moving on to pastures new, even if it is only up into a higher class. Even at Fr Ben's leaving service we sang the hymn "Lord, dismiss us with your blessing" so beloved of Headteachers' up and down the land.

So how do you feel about your spiritual journey at the end of term. What are your thoughts now - the choir is on a well earned break, children's groups will be closed for the summer and people are getting ready to go off on their travels? Do you say to yourself that there is no point in going to Church, the Vicar is away, there is no choir or regular organist and many of my friends are away? Or will you use this time to see the service from a different angle? When all the trappings and extras have gone will you discover some deeper meaning?

Do you ever ask yourself "What have I learnt this year?". Has my spiritual journey progressed or am I treading water, just going through the motions with no proper understanding? Have I made an effort to make progress—to attend one of the bible courses or go to a mid-week service occasionally? What would your end of term report say? "Could do better", "Must engage more", "Must try to attend regularly as he/she learns well when setting their mind to it", "Should not rush homework (i.e. Prayer time)", "With a concerted effort and determination has become a valued member of our community".

Let's all try harder to go from a B to an A+.

Best wishes

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