

'THE WAY'



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Our review of our service pattern

How we are going to proceed?

I wrote in the last edition of 'The Way' about the reason why we are having the review of our series; the problem we are trying to solve.

How do we have this review?

As the vestry would like to have your feedback in time to be able to make a decision at its meeting on Tuesday, October 11th, we need to move without undue delay. We propose the following:

Firstly, I will be at St Johns to discuss the whole issue and our options with anyone and everyone who would like to attend. I encourage you to do so. It's good to chew over these kinds of issues together. I am offering as many opportunities as I can, in order to ensure everyone has the opportunity to engage in discussion.

I will be present at St Johns the following times on the days listed below. I hope this variety of times and days will provide opportunity for all who wish to come to be able to do so.

- Thursday 8th September at 10am
- Saturday 10th September at 10am
- Monday 12th September at 7pm
- Wednesday 14th September at 10am
- Sunday 18th September at 4pm
- Monday 19th September at 7pm
- Saturday 24th September at 10am
- Wednesday 28th September at 7pm

- Sunday 2nd October at 4pm
- Tuesday 4th October at 7pm

The questions before us are: shall we keep with our current pattern - which we have used for more than a year now — of two services each Sunday, alternating every other week between contemporary and traditional at the 10am? Or shall we return to three but now with a bit more of a time gap between the services?

I will share the pros and cons of both options, along with how you can share your own reflections in such a way that they are captured for the vestry.

The deadline for your feedback will be midnight on Tuesday 4th October. This gives us a week to get your feedback to the vestry and them have the time to read it.

If you are unable to come to any of these sessions, we'll be explaining in due course how you can get your feedback to us.

It goes without saying that achieving this deadline somewhat compresses my calendar, but if you do want to speak with me privately, I do have some gaps in my calendar. Please let me know and we'll see what is possible.

There are two things that you can do to prepare.

1. Please be praying: that the process will be a good one, worthy of the Lord, and the outcome be His will for us.
2. This review is ultimately more than just what times our services start. It's about all the Lord is calling us to be and to do. Our sermon series in Colossians over the summer gave us much gold and honey in that regard. Therefore it would be good to have seen all those sermons if you have not already done so. You can find them on our YouTube channel. They start on July 10th and run through to August 28th (except for August 7th, when I was absent due to my bike crash the evening before. We therefore delayed that sermon by one week).

Finally, the next edition will begin to outline the implementation of other means by which we seek to have more present amongst us Paul's five marks of a healthy, happy and authentic church, to the praise of His name and furtherance of His Kingdom.

With every blessing

Richard