

Dear Friend

So much has happened over the past two years since the pandemic began. Our lives have changed in many ways, but I want to share with you my certain faith that the love of the Lord Jesus for you and your family remains the same. A living relationship with him is essential for each of us to flourish as disciples.

For various reasons, you may not be coming to church at the moment. New routines have been found, and alternative arrangements made, during the pandemic, to suit the needs of your family. I write to say that we miss you; that I miss you. The church community is much poorer without you and your children.

On 5 June, the Church celebrates the great feast of Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is a feast of joy and renewal, sometimes called the church's birthday. I invite you to return to church, to rekindle your relationship with those who gather, Sunday by Sunday, so that, together, we can worship through the celebration of Eucharist. We are most beautifully the Church when we live out our lives gathered together around the altar. I want you to know you are missed, you are loved, and you are appreciated; and we would love to see you back again. Please come and join us again.

With my prayers and blessing

Yours sincerely in Christ



The Most Reverend John Wilson
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