



*To licensed clergy; readers; churchwardens; PtO, lay chairs*

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Dear friends

I am writing to tell you about an important change to our practice in the Diocese of Truro. I am now making it possible for parishes, should they wish, to take part in 'Public Worship with Communion by Extension'. The attached paper explains this in more detail.

Some of you may be aware that my predecessor, +Tim Thornton, did not give permission for this. I mean no disrespect to +Tim in taking this step: rather I am doing so to enable us to respond to the new situation we find ourselves post-pandemic with greater flexibility than was previously the case.

In doing this I do not want, either, to give the impression that Eucharistic worship is the be-all and end-all of our worship. We can certainly be greatly blessed and enriched by, for example, Services of the Word. But I do recognise too that sharing in the sacrament is a vital part of Christian worship by which we are sustained in our discipleship.

The procedure for establishing and rolling this out as a practice is clearly described in the attached document, and these steps must be followed. This includes training, materials for which are attached. Practical questions about its application in local contexts should be addressed to the relevant Archdeacon in the first place. As far as safeguarding is concerned existing Safeguarding Leadership training for Churchwardens, Readers, Local Worship Leaders and Local Pastoral Ministers will suffice, provided that training was undertaken in the last three years, but others should contact the safeguarding team to find out what would be required.

I do hope that this will be a blessing to many, and enable many to be sustained in worship, ministry and mission in the post-Covid world, as we enter into the exciting new landscape which On the Way is opening up for us. Indeed this may be just one way which might help you to envisage how any gap between On the Way vision and reality might be addressed.

With my best wishes, in Christ,

+Philip

Enc Training materials attached

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