

## 10:45 Service – Report for APCM May 2021

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Since the last APCM in October last year we have continued with our online services, and have had a mix of different types of services including:

- Pre-recorded from home and uploaded to YouTube for anyone to watch.
- Zoom services (anyone welcome to join the zoom call)
- Live Services streamed to YouTube (where those involved with the service are connected from home on zoom)
- Live services streamed from the church building.

We sadly had to share our first Christmas where we couldn't be in church to sing carols or to have Christingles services but did have an online Christingle, online carol service, online Christmas nativity service, and a short time together on Christmas day.

January was a time for some of the team to take a bit of a break and services were on Zoom, led by Carolyn, and then in February we went back to a pattern of the different type of online services. We've been very blessed by those who have prepared and shared God's word during our services – a big thank you to all of you who have welcomed, given the talks and prepared prayers.

We have also been asking those speaking to share their "script" and this has been posted on our website each week under "Thought for the week"

<https://allsaintschurchededworth.com/category/tfw/>

With doing a quick check of the planning rota, we have had about 37 services online since the last APCM, and a good number of 'viewers' when we stream to YouTube, with people watching on Sunday's and also some catching up during the week however we continue to be unaware of who is watching. All our streamed services continue to be linked from our website and available on our YouTube channel which currently has 122 subscribers.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/allsaintschurchededworthlive>

One observation is that although our YouTube services are really great and enjoyed by many (and that we reach more people than attend the zoom services), I feel that for those who have joined our Zoom services have brought us together more, feeling more connected as we sing, worship and pray. If you've not joined a zoom service, I would encourage you to do so and if you need help with the tech, please do give one of us a shout.

As covid cases reduce in the area, we are hoping that this is the final period of this season of 'church at home' and we very much look forward to be able to meeting in person to worship either in church or outside. We could meet now – seated & socially distanced and wearing masks – but this would not be fair on the children in our church family, and so we wait to make plans to bring us all back together safely. Watch this space for details of what is planned.

All the services continue to be advertised on Facebook, on our Website, on Whatsapp and in our newsletter. We continue to encourage you all to share the events if you can, and encourage your family and friends to join us!

I have learnt a massive amount about video editing & live streaming both zoom events and live services over the last year. To be able to serve God and our church family through this period has been very rewarding and has been a big mixture of time consuming hard work, fun and a few highs and lows along the way. Thank you to everyone who has helped with planning rotas and organisation, leading services, preaching, praying, sharing in the family news, giving the notices, contributing to all our services and to those of you for coming along! A special thanks to Mike Smith and Carolyn Carter for all their hard work in this ministry too.

We now look to what God is calling us to do next and how we can continue to serve Him in all we do.