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Foreword

Dear brothers and sisters

I am very happy to see that progress in the easing of restrictions continues, and I take the opportunity to provide a brief update on the status of opening congregations in the UK and Ireland.

Our congregations in Brighton, Camberley, Corby and London Central, together with our congregation on the Isle of Man, have now been open for a few weeks. This has

enabled a few of our brethren to physically attend divine services and for us to learn valuable lessons in doing this in a covid compliant and safe way.

Our property team has been delayed in completing the necessary safety checks and risk assessments of additional buildings that we had hoped to open. This is due to unforeseen challenges with the on-going major renovation work to the Birmingham church which has required the team's full attention. If the weather permits the remaining outside work to the church will be completed within the next three to four weeks freeing up the team to make further buildings ready.

We have also had mixed responses from the various halls and rooms we hire in both the UK and in Ireland. In several cases, they are not available for hire until after restrictions are lifted, or they have covid policies which would be very hard for us to comply with. Due to this, my expectation is that the vast majority of congregations using rented accommodation will return after restrictions are lifted.

In the meantime, please do contact your rector if you are willing to help as a marshal, usher or as part of a cleaning team. We need these local teams in place before we can open, and I suspect this may well be required beyond the end of June.

I know that there is a great longing to return to church but that there is also a concern that this can be done safely. I therefore, together with you, wait as patiently as I can for restrictions to be lifted and look forward to when we can once again enjoy a divine service together and worship in our accustomed way.

With love and greetings

David Heynes



Dublin Congregation

Sister Edelgard Wolfangel, a fond remembrance.

No words can express the very deep sorrow felt by all who knew Sister Edelgard when learning of her passing after a long illness. In the announcement made, Sister Edelgard was described as 'wife, mother,

sister, grandmother, friend and confidant.' She was all of those things but was also described by another as a 'legend' which she truly was. She was also an inspiration to many and a person of the most extraordinary kindness and warmth. She greeted everyone with a lovely smile and a kind word. She was also a very hospitable person and together with her husband, the late Priest Thomas Wolfangel, hosted innumerable fellowships in their home and many brothers and sisters, friends and guests were invited to Sunday >





> lunch. It is for these things that she will be most fondly remembered.

Sister Edelgard first came to Ireland in the 1960s, newly married to Priest Wolfangel. She raised her family here and was together with her husband, both a parent and pillar of the Dublin Congregation. She faced much adversity in her life, however, in speaking about such things she said regarding her faith, 'Where else would I go?'

This struck me as beyond wise and an expression of the strength of her faith, of unshakeable hope and love. She truly

did fight the good fight, finished the race and kept the faith. We can all be assured that the crown of righteousness will be given to her and that she is with those in eternity whom she loved and who loved her. Those of us who remain behind can rejoice in many happy memories of Edelgard and we can also be assured that in following her example we may also achieve the same. ■

*Jimmy Jack
Dublin Congregation*



Welling and Chelsfield

In loving memory of Priest Manuel Jose Rodrigues: 29th July 1946 – 19th March 2021.

Priest Mannie Rodrigues was ordained as a sub-deacon at the tender age of 16 and later served as a priest for many years in the congregations of Welling and Chelsfield. He also established and led a lively mission congregation in Lewisham in the south of London where divine services were held on Wednesday evenings.

Priest Mannie Rodrigues was a passion-

ate servant of God with a big heart for the Lord's Work and he would testify of his faith at every opportunity. He had a special connection to the young people and was youth leader to a number of our present-day ministers and their wives.

We remember his dear wife Mary, his children, grandchildren and loved ones in our prayers. ■

Divine Service

Returning to Church

Lovely to be back at church! Not even face masks could hide all the smiles

I'm so happy to return to Church, the atmosphere and feeling of being in God's house, nothing compares to that!

It brought so much joy to enjoy Holy Communion once again in the fellowship of our congregation

Lovely to have the closeness and fellowship that we were missing



It's lovely to see our brothers and sisters faces again in 3D and to hear their voices without interference

A great joy to be together again as a congregation praising our heavenly Father

It is comforting to have the Sunday 'going to church' routine back in one's life. Not to talk about the Saturday night mental and physical preparations... it does strengthen me!



'Senior' Group

Moving on.

And now for a simple pulse-check to understand what members might like from their church for those of us who see our youth fading further into the background. I'm going to take the lead on a re-established group of 'seniors' for UKIE but I need your help to know who might be our potential catchment congregation, digital and where possible, in-person.

You and I, and most of us still feel young at heart and the thought of being a so called 'senior' is undoubtedly, and under-

standably cringing. On the other hand, for a few of you, like me, we realize that, although we remember our day of Confirmation like it happened yesterday, we are now, fast approaching retirement.

There shouldn't be an age-entry requirement so, this group will consist of those who'd simply like to 'belong'. I can imagine that we may have some day-time services and online & in-person services too. We may be able to arrange groups with similar interests and also a day or weekend away together. Why should the youth have all the fun? I was recently reminded that, we, who are of a certain age, are simply upcycled youth!

Your initial thoughts on this will help direct and determine our next steps, so, please open your heart and let me know your first thoughts.

Lots of love
David Middleton

Divine service

Apostle Heynes' schedule June 2021

02.06.21	Wednesday	UK South
06.06.21	Sunday	Estonia
09.06.21	Wednesday	Ireland
13.06.21	Sunday	UK West
16.06.21	Wednesday	UK West
20.06.21	Sunday	Brighton
23.06.21	Wednesday	London Central
27.06.21	Sunday	Nottingham
30.06.21	Wednesday	Corby

Partaking of communion is very special as is to see each other face to face.