

Dear all

Our third week back, and things seem to be working much more smoothly. Livestreaming is working well. If you missed the live broadcast, you can find it on our Facebook page. The link <https://www.facebook.com/938962326130409/videos/577490446261983> should also get there – but it's not working for me at the moment!

This letter is going to be a very short one as I want to get it out quickly – I'm currently watching the Deepingathon event. From now (Sunday) until 6.00pm. Do log on. Our very own Red Sky, featuring Ted Fisk & Ben Britton are due to be on around 3.40pm. Don't miss them. And please give generously to our local charities. I've just seen the Famous Unknowns, who were excellent. Also recommended are Pennyless, who many will know, and who are due to perform at the Priory Church, postponed to next year. They are due to start at 2.05pm.

Their JustGiving page gives the following information: *The Covid Pandemic has deprived many of our loved local charities of much needed funds – help redress the balance and dig deep for Deeping – raise funds for Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance, Dementia South Lincs, Sue Ryder, St Barnabas and Exotic Pet Refuge.* The JustGiving page is <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/deepingathon?fbclid=IwAR2ApYjmVb2EmPWzbXkncwvBZMTOBgdaYlfE7DVOmgKzIVXhW0qvB-5tOP4>



The banner is yellow with black and blue text. At the top left is a Facebook logo. The main text reads 'DEEPIGATHON ONLINE' in large, bold, black letters. Below this, it says 'Sunday August 2nd - 12-6pm' and 'online entertainment for all the family!'. A black bar contains the text 'Just-giving event-raising funding for' followed by logos for 'Dementia Support', 'The Exotic Pet Refuge', 'Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance', 'St Barnabas', and 'Sue Ryder'. Below this bar, it says 'Dig Deep for Deeping!' and 'supported by' with logos for 'RAF Trace', 'St Barnabas', and 'Sue Ryder'. At the bottom left, it says 'TUNE INTO DEEPIGATHON ON FB TO HEAR DJ FUNKY FOSSIL, PENNYLESS, RACHEL BEA AND MANY MORE!' and 'MINI RAFT RACE EVENT SEE - WWW.RAFTTRACE.CO.UK'. The JustGiving logo is at the bottom right.

Finally, to inform you that I will be taking a holiday from tomorrow (3rd August) through to Thursday 13th August. We will be having a 'staycation', so do not plan to be away. We'll say hi if we see you around, and will be around for emergencies too.

The 7th August is the 1st Anniversary of my induction and installation. I can't believe how much has happened in that year. Certainly totally unexpected! Who could have predicted it? But it has been an amazing year in so many ways. This is a wonderful place, and a wonderful church – due to all the wonderful people! We are very blessed to be here.



Stay safe

Blessings and love

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