

Welcome to St Mark's as we come together once again
to celebrate God's presence with us now.
Of course, God is always with us
but coming to church gives us the chance
to rejoice together in all that God in Christ has done for us
and the blessings he has poured on us.

I have just spoken as though we are all together physically in the building
but, of course, we are not:
we are scattered but linked by what seems to me the miracle of Zoom.

I am no fan of electronic communication
but...

A friend of ours (about the same age as me) and his wife
have just decided they must leave Sheffield,
where they have been living for nearly fifty years,
to be near one of their sons in the South.
It was a hard decision,
but made much easier by the fact that they
(the family, the two of them,
their two sons in this country,
and their daughter in California)
could talk it through weekly on Zoom.

So, let us give thanks
that despite all the restrictions and problems facing us at the moment
we can still meet together
and worship God
and rejoice in his blessing -
and give thanks to those who make it possible.

Michael Bayley