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25<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

Greetings,

We now have some idea of when we might – if the figures continue to go in the right direction – of what ‘unlocking’ might look like.

For some of our churches on-line meetings are possible. For others they are quite difficult. We don’t yet know when the **Annual Parochial Church Meetings** will be happening. In former years they have had to happen before the end of April.

One of our churches – St. Mary’s Church - has agreed the date of the **30<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm** and will be having the meeting on zoom. I wrote a few weeks ago asking that if you feel that you are a member of the church please to contact me and I will send you an application form for your chosen church. The **electoral roll** is used as an indication of the number of people in the parish that consider themselves to be actively part of the church fellowship. It costs nothing. You are asked if you are over 16, baptised and either a member of the Church of England and living in the Parish, not living in the parish but have habitually attended the church for 6 months or accepted another church but now attending the church on whose roll you wish to be registered. If you are not on such a roll please do consider it and talk to me if you are unsure if you are eligible.

St. Mary’s presently has **two vacancies** for elected members to the PCC. If you can think of somebody you would like to nominate, or indeed if this is a service that you could offer, please do give me or Betty Potts (31851) a ring for a chat. It is terrific to have new people joining our PCCs.

Una did such a good job of making us hungry with her ‘Reasons to be Cheerful’ on zoom service that several people have asked for the recipe for her scrummy looking **dark chocolate tiffin**. I have sent it out with this letter so we all have a reason to be cheerful!

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March is the funeral for **Maureen Colquhoun**. Maureen served this area as a councillor for many years. Prior to coming to Cumbria she had been an important political figure as MP for North Hants and around the Houses of Westminster as a valued researcher and campaigner for equality. It is good that she will be brought back to Ambleside to be buried next to her wife Barbara Todd who sadly died last February. Babs was a significant actress in her own right and it was a joy to meet her Godson Alfie Enoch who was due to open at the Globe in the 2020 season that... never happened but he is certainly one to watch! All the world... comes to this area – we are very blessed.

So take care and enjoy the whispers of Spring as they are emerging.

God bless

*Beverley*