

Using Zoom

Last Sunday night we tried to run a short service using zoom. It was an interesting experience. There were some challenges and there were some great successes. The time of prayer using chat was for me a highlight of the time we spent together. We were attempting to offer something different from the streamed services. Instead of just seeing the individuals leading we were able to see other people too.

Bear with us as those leading have some lessons to learn. Although it is true that those joining have things to learn too. The attached advice on how to use zoom is helpful. (It comes from the L'Arche community so is really helpful) In such a situation we need to learn a new 'etiquette' that is totally different from the ones we have trained ourselves in over the years, especially when we are in the comfort of our own home. In particular the mute button is important, it doesn't stop you hearing what is going on but stops everyone else hearing your asides, coughs, sneezes and telephone calls! It also stops the screens jumping around if you make a noise or move your device. Please read the advice.

At present we can only admit 100 devices at any one time. On Sunday we had a few people who couldn't get in, some who dropped out and couldn't get back as their place had been taken.

It would be possible to go beyond that number, but the cost increases dramatically and therefore we have to question whether it is worth it. After some discussion we have opted to go for a model which requires people to sign up beforehand.

We will advertise the services beforehand on the District website, but to be involved you would have to book in advance to join. The number will be limited to 100 devices. Each participant will get a direct invitation and password via their email.

If the number of requests exceeded the allowance, we could arrange a second/repeat time for those who missed the first opportunity. If the number of requests was significantly over the 100 then we would consider the cost involved in increasing the number of allowed devices.

**Please copy the below in an email and send to:
lancashiredistrictzoom@aol.com**

Application form to join zoom meeting on Sunday 5th April at
7.00 p.m.

Insert your Name:

Insert your Email:

Required for sending meeting details and password.

Church & Circuit if known

This helps us to know where you are in Lancashire

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