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Hello again. I hope all the young families had an enjoyable half- term break, and the Covid restrictions did not spoil the holiday week too much. We did have some nicer weather at last. This is the third consecutive weekend when we have a special feast, this time paying special honour and reverence to The Body and Blood of Christ. Some of you have been unable to have Holy Communion for over a year. Hopefully it has only made you want it more. The Eucharist is central and pivotal to our worship. This Sunday there is plenty of room at both Masses, so if you weren't able to book in, just come along – but wear a mask and give your name to one of the stewards. 'This is a holy banquet indeed, in which Christ himself is made our food; the memory of his Passion is told again; grace fills our minds and hearts; and there is given us an assurance of eternal life'.

Sadly there was only one person came forward to volunteer to act as a steward at Mass. We have relied on the same handful of people to allow our celebrations to take place. They have not complained, but it does seem a little unfair. PPE is provided, of course.

IMPORTANT Our parish Safeguarding Officer Mrs Rowena Ford will be contacting catechists, SVP volunteers, and those Eucharistic Ministers who visit the sick, to update your DBS Certificates. If any of you want to check if your certificate is valid, or if there are any more people who see themselves as offering to act in one of these roles in the near future, please e-mail rford195195@gmail.com or phone 07974 006263 asap. Thank you for your co-operation.

LDCT As part of Lymm Festival there is to be a Songs of Praise event at Lymm Baptist Church on Sunday June 27 at 6.30pm, which we hope will be with a live congregation. All are invited to suggest hymns, before the June 13 deadline, via the new Churches together website. Search: <https://ctld-lymm.uk/songs-of-praise-2021/>. It would be good if you could also be willing to introduce 'your' hymn on the night, saying why you suggested it.

In about four weeks' time, we should be able to open up our church building for more activities. Will there be anyone to take up where we left off 15 months ago? Altar servers, tea makers, catechists, etc. may well have vanished into a Covid-induced mist. Please start talking about 'back to normal' and then we will be better prepared – and pray that the infection rates do not rise again. Best wishes to everyone.

AN ACT OF PERFECT CONTRITION Since normal Confession is almost impossible still, except by appointment, people are encouraged to make an act of perfect contrition, such as the following suggested by the Bishop:

"My God, I am sorry for sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy on me." Fr Tony Elder