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Dear StJ Family.

'Sing to the Lord a New Song'

Thank you so much for helping us find a way through, amidst the tremendous challenges of Covid. There's been so much love and support, both within and out towards the wider community; you are an amazing Church.

We started our autumn sermon series, CHURCH, by looking at Acts 1, where Theophilus looks back on '...all that Jesus began to do and to teach until he was taken up to heaven...'. The point is that Jesus continues to do and teach things through the Holy Spirit, and that is what we are celebrating in the attached booklet and looking forward to with anticipation in the year ahead.

Part of God's work amongst us has been the provision of a newly developed Church building, and I'd love to invite you to share ideas and creativity and to get involved as we explore how to use the building best.

As we look to the year ahead, I think this key verse from Psalm 96, 'Sing to the Lord a new song', helps as an invitation to find ourselves afresh in a new season with new possibilities. There are so many ways and opportunities in which we can advance the Kingdom of God, and hopefully we will discover those new songs personally and as a community as we travel together.

In faith, I believe the Church across our nation is in a great period of renewal and that God is laying significant foundations for much that is to come. We have a particular role to play in helping others come to faith, handing the baton on to the next generation, as well as resourcing some of the wider Church in Liverpool and beyond.

Do please think, talk to others, and pray about your involvement in our shared Church life over the months to come.

At the start of the year, an important discipline is taking time before God to decide how we will serve and financially give. Please do that this year, and I'd love to chat with you if you would find that helpful.

Let's pray for great things as we discover the new songs God is calling us to sing.

Love and blessings,

Rev Jude Padfield
Vicar