

MAP update

From the frontline – interview with Rachel Ellis

Q So, for which part of the MAP project are you responsible?

A *Worship*

Q In terms of “reasons to be cheerful”, what do you look back on most with a sense of fulfilment ?

A *Well, we not only have a strong team of talented musicians from a wide range of backgrounds, but we also have a fantastic broader team who contribute to worship at St. John’s in the broadest sense.*

Q What tasks have you started which are now “work-in-progress”

A *I think we have a permanently ongoing “work-in-progress”, which is sustaining and growing a feeling of genuine community through worship.*

Q Any new ideas/initiatives on the boil?

A *Well, we are looking to find opportunities to use open, unstructured time to seek God, possibly using improvised music. We are also looking to try out an “unplugged” version of our musical offering, probably at a 4th Sunday service, and possibly with the musicians interspersed with the congregation. But these are just ideas at the moment.*

Q Any prayer points for the St. John’s folk?

A *Quite a few, but these I think are the main ones:*

Help us to remember that:

- *everyone is invited to worship, both regulars and random visitors.*
- *the liturgy underpinning a service is structured for a purpose, and we should delight in all the component parts*
- *the opportunity to display reverence and praise is a great joy*
- *listening to God, and God’s word, is important*
- *we can be co-workers in prayer with God*
- *we can each do our part to inspire people to go out as part of a worshipful community.*