

# Ouzel Valley Team Ministry

## PARISH OF LINSLADE

(Charity Registration Number 1130239)

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Dear Mr Saccoccio

Since the start of the lockdown in March a Sunday morning Eucharist has been live-streamed every week, first from Fr Bernard's study, then from St Barnabas' church, latterly with a socially distanced congregation. Initially we felt it was important to do this to maintain the community spirit in the regular congregation but we quickly realised that we are reaching a much larger community, both in the locality and more widely spread.

So far our live-streaming has been done using a mobile phone, which will not be a satisfactory arrangement in the long-term, so we intend to install a system of two fixed cameras in St Barnabas' Church. We have the full support of the Chancellor of the Diocese of St Albans in this, who has expressed the hope that this should go ahead as soon as possible. The cost will be approximately £5500, a significant sum for the Parish of Linslade at a time when our support revenue from Linslade Community Hall has dried up.

On behalf of Linslade PCC we ask you to bring this matter to the attention of Leighton-Linslade Town Council at the earliest opportunity in the hope that the Council will feel able to make a grant towards this project.

We are happy to discuss this further and show anyone interested how the system will work at St Barnabas' Church.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Crooks  
Churchwarden

Nick Butler  
Churchwarden