

Rector's Note

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This past weekend was a glorious one for St Martin's, with Mac and Nigel's wedding bringing in visitors and old St Martin's members from near and far to celebrate the day. The joy spilled into Sunday, with several out-of-town folk remaining for regular worship services.

Some unhappy realities also happened this weekend. Two people had their car windows smashed during services, one on Saturday and one Sunday, with bags that had been stowed under the seat taken. One car was parked in the parking lot, and the other on St Martins Lane in front of Hilary House.

A few days after the wedding, we learned that a few wedding guests tested positive for COVID.

No one was hurt in the car thefts. No one has gotten seriously ill from COVID. Yet these are stressful events that mar the otherwise joyous time we had together.

Both of these things are a reminder to take care. Take care to lock your car, and to not leave anything potentially tempting inside (even if it has no value). Take care to notice your surroundings and look out for each other. Take care to get your vaccines (COVID and flu are now available), to test yourself if you feel ill, and to wear a mask if you have health vulnerabilities. Call your friend and check in on them.

We are taking extra care in other ways. I spoke with the local police precinct, and they will have extra checks of our area during Saturday's funeral. We will be paying extra attention to the street and lot as well. We are looking to add more cameras to our campus.

This Friday is the 25th anniversary of 9/11, a demarcating line to the world we live in now, with all its perils and divisions. But we also know better now. We know more about COVID, certainly. And we know more about sticking together through difficult things.

Let us remember the love we saw last Saturday. And let us care for each other through this.

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