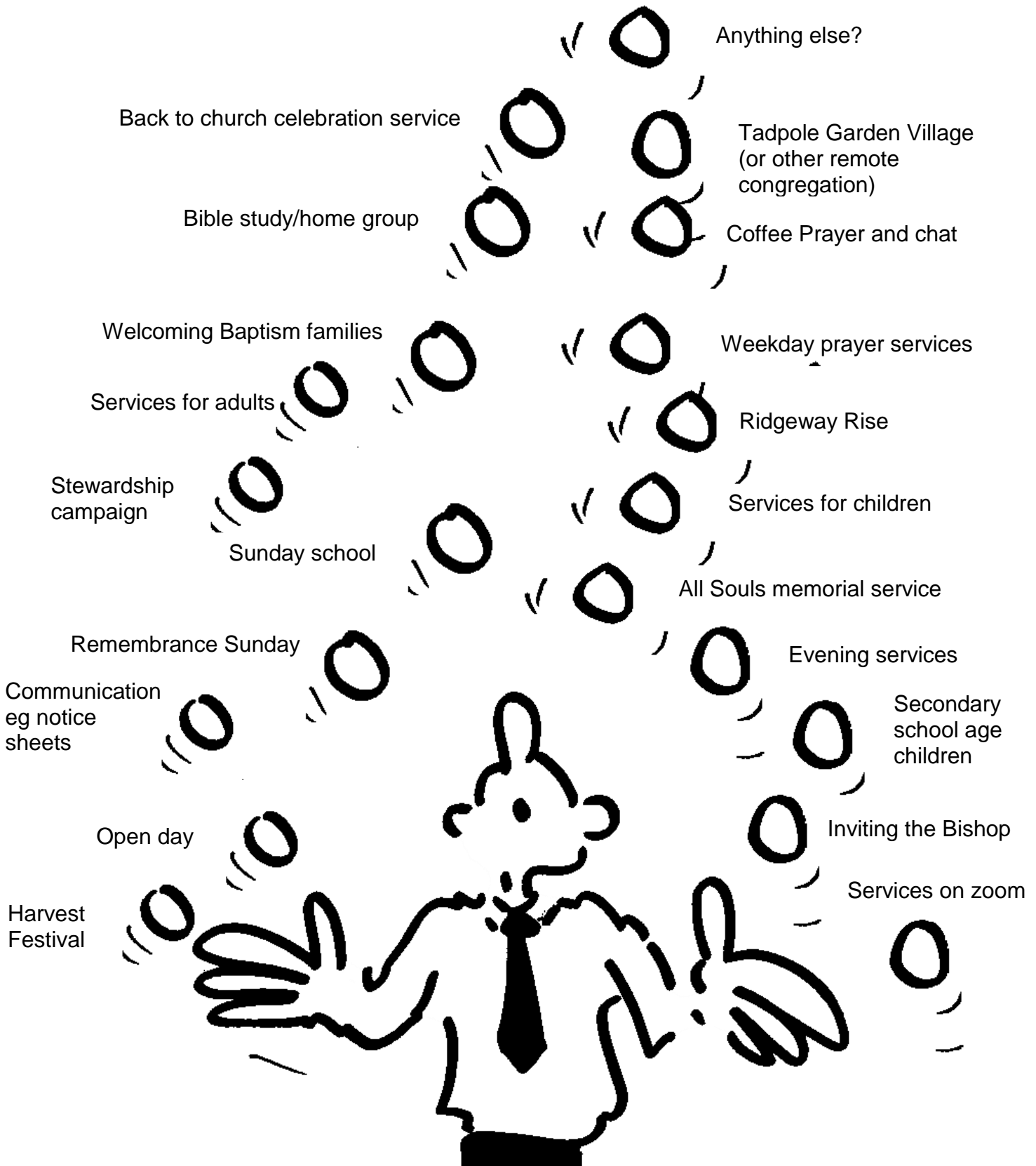


Ideas for the Autumn

(Assuming we are no longer under covid restrictions of any kind – and Christmas is a discussion for September PCC)

Which balls do we want to catch and which (if any) will we choose to drop? what other balls would you add, what comments would you make about the balls?



Notes (for 'balls' where there is a bit of explanation – in alphabetical order)

Back to Church Celebration service

Do we keep this just for the congregation or encourage community involvement – or do both? When would we schedule this?

Bible Study/Home Group

3 pairs of people doing a discipleship course with Sally are currently running, but the Bible Book Club has come to an end. What is the best way to encourage more people to engage with Bible study, prayer and discipleship growth?

Coffee Prayer and Chat

As people become busy again do we want this to stay every week? Should we return to church all the time? Should we sometimes just be on zoom? Sally has spoken to at least 3 people who claim they would be interested in a coffee morning at church, who don't attend Coffee Prayer and chat on zoom

Conduct of services

Standing and sitting, sharing the peace, how we resume all these things can be discussed further.

Evening Services

At least one member of the evening congregation has said he thinks he will return in the morning instead. Holy Communion on the first Sunday has been popular in semi-lock down.

Inviting the Bishop

We started this process in January 2020 but never arranged a date, shall we repeat the invitation?

Open Day

Super-sized open morning, well advertised particularly to houses immediately around church, to promote what we do and how we can connect with neighbours.

Services for adults/services for children/Sunday School

Before Covid, the low numbers of children on weeks when there should be Sunday School made it hard to sustain Sunday school as the teachers found it hard and demoralising to prepare. Is one Sunday a month when children are specifically welcome enough? How else can we accommodate families?

Services on zoom

We could continue services on zoom sometimes. How frequently and which service(s)? There is a cost for this (£119.90 for coming year) but this could be useful for evening prayer meetings, Bible studies and other meetings and for including Ridgeway Rise in our services.

Stewardship Campaign

We mentioned this happening at harvest festival – this could be a passing mention in a sermon or a concerted campaign with sermons over more than one week, letters written to every congregation member and a request for a pledge – or somewhere in between. What would be best in the current climate?

Weekday prayer services

We spoke about some weekly prayer meetings focussing around Harvest

Welcoming Baptism Families

When should we start inviting them back to Children's Services, if at all?