



A message from the leadership team

Dear friends,

We live in such strange times, and it is so difficult to think on anything else except the Corona Virus. Especially as we cannot meet in the usual way. This is the first Sunday since the year 1208 that the Church of England is not meeting. But we do this out of love, not fear. We want to protect one another. Our church is not stopping, far from it. We are looking for ways we can continue to pastor and care for one another. As such, the following measures are now in place

Sundays: From **10am - 1030am** we will live stream a small service, which will be instead of our normal services. There will be announcements, a reading, and a sermon that continues on our series in Luke. This will be via our church Facebook page. You do not need to be a member of Facebook to access this page; it will also be then put onto our website. All members of all four congregations are encouraged to engage with this medium.

Parish weekend: This has been cancelled and we hope to rebook for 2021.

Weekdays:

Homegroups: we strongly advise against meeting physically. Please make use of other ways of communication such as zoom, or phoning one another. Guidance notes will be available to help you with this.

Youth and children: All groups are suspended. Joe Hadfield is working on resource packs for you to use at home.

Spiritual nourishment: Check our church Facebook page as we upload content, as well as the website. This is where sermons will be, as well as the final 2 sessions of the Lent course. Aled is also doing daily videos in a morning with a reading, a thought and a prayer. Look for "Daily Dose of Joy" on Facebook. Plenty of other online resources are available.

Pastoral Care: At the moment, until we sort out more organised channels, if you want to talk to anyone, then please go to your home group leader, or speak to a member of the clergy, as usual: -

Rev. Aled Seago - 477811
Rev. Andy Livingston - 07925589841
Rev. Christine Buckley – 262335

More information of how we will be helping those most at risk will follow in due course.

You are not alone – we are all praying for one another. And the Spirit of God himself is with his people. None of this surprises him, and our eternal home beckons. This is something to fight to remember, and so perhaps you may like to adopt this passage from Deuteronomy as an anchor for your soul at this troubled time:

“The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.” (Deut 33:27)

With all our love and prayers,

Dave McClelland, Helen Bradley, Aled Seago, Andy Livingston, Christine Buckley, Joe Hadfield, Hannah Brackenbury