



Dear friends,

Even though we can't physically be together for services at the moment, we are all still here!

As of Monday 16 March, ALL church services and activities in the chaplaincy are suspended until further notice. Suspending services, confirmation classes, Sunday School and other church gatherings is hard. But it's how we as a chaplaincy can – and must – contribute to protecting the health of those around us.

**Pastoral care of course remains available at all times.** Please contact Fr Richard if you would like to receive home communion or simply a visit at any time in the coming weeks.

And as individuals, there are lots of things we can do in the meantime to keep our sense of community strong. Here are some ideas:

## HOME WORSHIP

Every day, the Church of England website publishes services of Morning Prayer, Prayer During the Day, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer (Compline) in contemporary and traditional forms. You can find them here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>



Alternatively, download the Daily Prayer app to access the same content. That way, you can join in prayer and worship with others, wherever you are.

## A SIMPLE PHONECALL

On Sunday morning – or any time! – why not call someone you'd usually see at church? Ask about their week, whether they need anything, if there's something they'd like you to pray for. Perhaps you'd like to say the Prayer for the Day together on the phone. You can find that here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-daily-prayer/todays-prayer>



## OFFER HELP

Who do you know who lives alone? Has been ill recently? Is self-isolating? Feels lonely or anxious? Make contact. Offer help with shopping, or just a friendly ear to listen.

## PRAY

As Christians we are called to be faithful in prayer at all times. Below is a prayer for all those affected by the Coronavirus. Many others are available here (scroll down to "Prayer and Scripture"):

[https://www.churchofengland.org/  
more/media-centre/  
coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches](https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches)



We are all here for each other, and God's love is ever-present among us. As Jesus told his disciples: "I am with you always."

A PRAYER FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS

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Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.