

Dear Reader,

I am writing to you at a time of national and global emergency. Yesterday our Prime Minister Boris Johnson gave guidelines to the nation outlining measures to slow down the spread of the Corona virus. We have been urged to take this very seriously and warned that stricter measures may soon be upon us.

Today it was announced by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York that church services are to be suspended. Life as we knew it has been put on hold, things will be very different for all of us in the coming months.

In these unprecedented times we are seeing community initiatives popping up all around us. People are offering help to those in need in their communities. It is so encouraging to see such generosity and kindness at a time when panic and selfishness could have taken hold.

Rev Kathryn and I will not be making home visits, this is to reduce the risk of spreading infection, but do give us a call, we are always happy to talk to you and please bring to our attention anyone in your community who you think may need extra support. My number is 771338 and Kathryn can be contacted on 842953.

The Church of England have produced online resources such as simple daily prayer outlines that are available to download and print. More content is being added to aid you in your spiritual life, and services will be streamed live. Also, the Church is consulting with the BBC with the aim of broadcasting Sunday services. Please keep looking at The Church of England website for the latest materials and information.

I close by saying that my prayers are with you, let us do all we can to stay safe and support one another.

God Bless you

Rev Andrea Watkins.

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