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'Serving God, serving each other, serving community'

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NOTICES - 22 March 2020

Precautions taken concerning the coronavirus situation:

Trinity and All Saints Services and all activities - including Toddlers, Prayer Group, Evergreen Club and Thursday Group - are currently suspended. All Uniformed Organisation meetings are also cancelled.

While such gatherings are advised to be suspended, it means that we need to consider how we remain church - to that end I would encourage you to maintain contact with each other, although that may now need to be via phone/text/email. As you will be aware advice is changing daily and I, along with the Trustees and the Circuit Leadership Team, will be continuing to monitor and review so that we can celebrate coming back to church together when that time comes.

With Every Blessing, Ian

We are planning to make devotional material available (via email, the website, and hard copies in the box outside the Conduit Centre) each week.

We will also be keeping in touch by emailing Notice Sheets weekly (more frequently if developments merit this). If you would like to get these and we do not have your email please get in touch.

More information can be found at: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/news/latest-news/all-news/the-methodist-church-coronavirus-guidance-and-resources/>

To worship from home please see:

www.methodist.org.uk/worship-during-coronavirus

or

<https://urc.org.uk/latest-news/3385-coronavirus-worshipping-digitally>

Churches Together in England have called for a day of prayer and action this **Sunday – 22 March**. As one action, they call on everyone to place a lighted candle in their window at 7.00 p.m. as a sign of solidarity and hope in the light of Christ that can never be extinguished. Read more:

<https://www.cte.org.uk/Publisher/Article.aspx?ID=569010>

We note that this call to prayer and action comes on **Mothering Sunday**: a time of thankfulness, remembering especially mothers who have served us, often in very costly ways. It is also a very mixed day for many. For some the remembrance is painful, and for others Mothering Sunday is a reminder of disappointment or loss. In many ways, this period under the shadow of the coronavirus will be prompting similarly diverse reactions and so it seems especially appropriate that the call to prayer is made this Sunday.

We pray for all in leadership at this time, making decisions about the containment of the COVID-19 virus, for those working in health and social care, and especially for the most vulnerable, whether elderly or those with underlying health conditions.

Alongside your prayers, take the opportunity to telephone or email someone who is isolated, buy some additional food for your local foodbank, or offer to deliver shopping for an elderly neighbour. We may not be able to touch physically, but we can make connections in so many other ways

A prayer for our times:

God of all hope we call on you today. We pray for those who are living in fear: Fear of illness, fear for loved ones, fear of other's reactions to them. May your Spirit give us a sense of calmness and peace. We pray for your church in this time of uncertainty. For those people who are worried about attending worship. For those needing to make decisions in order to care for others For those who will feel more isolated by not being able to attend. Grant us your wisdom. Holy God, we remember that you have promised that nothing will separate us from your love – demonstrated to us in Jesus Christ. Help us turn our eyes, hearts and minds to you. Amen

The Methodist Church

“Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you” 1 Peter 5:7

All **Trinity Learning activities** have been cancelled until further notice.

Conduit Centre Update: Apart from the initial delays which were not of their making, the builders are well up to time. Outside walls and roof are complete and fully waterproof. The internal partitioning has started, and plumbers will then be on site. Staircase work starts in a week's time. *Trustees Building Group*

Action for Children Coffee Morning is cancelled.

If you wish to donate to this worthy cause or are having trouble returning your collection box please contact Kevin on 01235 411668 or e-mail kevinjgoodman1953@gmail.com

Thanks, Kevin & Angie Goodman

AgeUK Oxfordshire, has launched a new, free of charge telephone support service offering advice and assistance to older people concerned during this time. For more information visit www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/ or call 01865 411 288, leave your name and a phone number and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

Church in Abingdon Lent Lectures 2020 are cancelled

Church in Abingdon Easter Events are also currently on hold



Don't Forget

Clocks go forward on 29 March



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