

Christ the King Benefice

Worship and prayer resources to use as a
community in dispersal

Praying at home



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A Prayer for Those Affected by Coronavirus

God of healing and hope,
in Jesus you meet us in our places of pain and fear.
Look with mercy on those who have contracted the new
virus, on any who are vulnerable, and on all who feel in
danger.

Through this time of global concern, by your Holy Spirit
bring out the best not the worst in us.
Make us more aware of our interdependence on each other,
and of the strength that comes from being one body in you.
Through Christ our wounded healer.
Amen.

(The Rev'd Dr. Sam Wells, Vicar of St Martin's in the Field)

Praying at Home

The Archbishops of the Church of England have taken the step of suspending public worship until further notice owing to the Coronavirus pandemic.

As they wrote in their letter to the church on March 17th:

“We urge you sisters and brothers to become a different sort of church in these coming months: hopeful and rooted in the offering of prayer and praise and overflowing in service to the world.”

Our Church buildings may be closed, but our church is so much more than its buildings. We hope in this time of ‘social distancing’ to draw our hearts and prayers if anything closer together than ever, as we pray for and with each other, and keep contact with each other.

There are various live-streamed worship available, and we shall be formalising and organising this as the weeks go on.

Do try downloading the facebook and twitter apps if you haven’t; they are a great resource for streamed worship and contact and sharing encouragement.

Please explore this range of resources to help you pray and worship at home:

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You might find it helpful to set aside specific times to pray and worship. Find a quiet place in your home and perhaps invite other members of your household to join you, or try praying with others while still physically distant – for example, over the phone, text messaging, or using video calls.

You might want to light a candle.....

As we light a candle,
we remind ourselves of the presence of Christ, Light of the World,
who loves us
and is with us to the end of the ages
(Matthew 28:20)



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