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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Bishop Christopher, Bishop of Coventry, often uses this greeting and at this time when our church services and all our events are cancelled, it is a lovely way to remind ourselves of the depth of our relationships within the family of the Church.

In coming weeks we are going to discover a new way of being church – ‘church without walls’ - as we worship and serve the Lord in very new ways. Please bear with us as we try new things, join in as you are able, and pray that God will do new and surprising good things in his church even at such a time as this.

SCARGILL BLESSING

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm
May he bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders he has shown you.
May he bring you home rejoicing
once again into our doors.

1. Mothering Sunday 22nd March: a national day of prayer and action

- **10.00am** a short service streamed from Kate's living room (!)

Dan will be in touch to explain how you can join this act of worship. Materials will be emailed/posted on Facebook by Saturday evening

- **7.00pm** as part of a nationwide wave of prayer: **light a candle in a window** in your home as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source of hope and prayer. *'Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.'* 1 Peter 5:7
- The Archbishops invite us to do some special act of kindness during this day – making a phone call to someone isolated for example, or a gift of food.

2. **Pray in our churches:** Studley, Oldberrow and Morton Bagot Churches will be open every day as usual for you to visit and pray (keeping 2 metres away from others). Mappleborough churchyard is also a lovely place for peace and prayer at any time.

3. Daily Prayer together

Weekdays this week Dan or I will pray in one of our churches at **9.30am** and **5.30pm** using a simple service which will be emailed to you so that you can pray with us from home at the same time, or whenever suits you. We will try to get some paper copies to those without email. You are welcome to join us in church – sitting 2 metres apart.

Monday 23rd: Studley. Tuesday 24th: Mappleborough. Wednesday 25th: Oldberrow. Thursday 26th: Morton Bagot. Friday 27th: Studley.

We hope to use a variety of styles of prayer over the weeks, and to modify times etc as we learn what works best.

4. Keeping in touch

- Please let Kate or Dan know if you are self-isolating so we can stay in touch.
- We are planning for regular phone calls to all members of our churches.
- If you know anyone in particular urgent need please contact Kate or Dan.
- Please, please consider joining Facebook so that you can join the Arden Marches church group (a closed group only for church members). This is far and away the quickest and easiest way for us to share news and worship resources – you can always leave Facebook once we are meeting in church again.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ardenmarches/>
- Please check your emails regularly – we will email out news and resources frequently (and please check that we have your current email address).

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Prayer List

The prayer list is for urgent and critical situations, names remain on this list for four weeks.

Please let us know if the person needs to be kept on for additional weeks.

Please remember in your prayers especially this week: **Val Greathead, Jean Burbage and Sheila Vale**

We remember before God and pray for the families of all who have died recently, including: **Alan McCarthy, Irene Willis, Bernard Simmonds and David Gardiner**

We also remember those we may know for whom the anniversary of their death falls at this time: **Adam Rose, Martin Hill and Kenneth Dyer**

Please pray for our schools and families adjusting to the new circumstances

THE COLLECT

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CONTACT

INFORMATION

General Enquiries

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Tony Drake 850434

Gift-Aid Scheme

Studley:

Joyce Duffin 458636

Mappleborough Green:

Erica Hayton 455396

5. Reaching out in loving service

- The Foodbank needs additional occasional volunteers under 70 years old. Contact Hilary Volrath 01527 857498.
- Facebook group 'Studley isolation support and volunteer group' is co-ordinating care and support in Studley. We would like to work with them, so do join the group and volunteer if you able.
- For older people confined to home, maybe there is an opportunity to give more time to pray for others and for our world, and also to reach out to others by phone or social media.
- The most loving thing we can do is comply with government advice: 1. Distance yourself from other people. 2. Wash your hands with soap and water frequently. 3. Do not touch your face unless your hands are clean.

With love and prayers

Kate Mier

A prayer for all those affected by Coronavirus

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.

Cancellations

Please note that all our worship services are cancelled until further notice.

Easter Bingo, Men's Breakfast, Lent Course, Compassion, and all other church activities are cancelled until further notice.

The Church of England website and the Diocese of Coventry website give further guidance.

Arden Marches Facebook Group

There is a closed Facebook group for any member of the Arden Marches churches to share news, encouragements, testimonies, or prayer requests (only with the subject's permission!). If you aren't already a member, search 'Arden Marches Church Family' on Facebook or scan this QR code.

