



The Churches of
**Legbourne
Woldmarsh**

'Sharing the good news of the kingdom of God'

Dear Friends,

Very sadly we must now suspend all public worship, and close our church doors, in order to do our bit in containing the spread of Coronavirus.

As your priest it remains my duty to daily offer up worship, prayers and the Eucharist on behalf of you all and the nation and world. Whilst these will not be open to the public I want you to know that they will be happening and you will be held in my prayers.

I am most concerned that nobody gets isolated or neglected in the coming weeks and months. I will be staying in touch with people by telephone and will put in place any practical measures that I can where necessary . **If you are anxious about your own personal arrangements or about those of somebody else in the parish please do let me know.** I am advised not to visit people, lest I contribute to the virus' spread. **I will still come to give the last rites if death is near.**

As you will appreciate, this is completely unprecedented and the situation is constantly changing. I will do my best to keep you informed (again, do check our website). There is so much we cannot control. This makes it all the more important that we do what we can, namely to follow the advice given and to look out for one another, especially the most vulnerable in our midst. It is only through collective action and commitment to the common good that we can overcome the crisis.

As well as looking to your neighbour, I urge you to look to Christ. We need now more than ever to seek him, through reading the Scriptures, through giving yourselves moments of stillness and calm, and through prayer. Whatever is happening around us, we rejoice that we never prayer alone but are joined by the saints and angels. While we may have to keep some distance from one another for the time being, there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. We are no less a church for these restrictions. Whatever we find ourselves doing come Easter, Christ will still have risen. Whatever lies ahead for us, we too, as individuals and as a wider family, will rise again as well.

With assurance of my prayers,

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