

Dear Friends

As you will know the Government has offered advice on how individuals and groups should respond to the current situation regarding the COVID 19 virus.

Our College of Bishops have advised that, 'all gatherings for worship, including small gatherings such as house groups, should be discontinued until further notice.'

This is a sad time for all in our community and many of our congregation will find the coming weeks very difficult. Whilst complying with the advice given, we will make every effort to support and help those who are in need, both physically and spiritually.

Although we will be unable to meet in church we can still pray together. I intend to pray privately in both churches at the normal service time. The province is working on plans to make worship available online and our bishops encourage participation in the broader Eucharistic life of the church in this way. Email and websites will be used to share these resources.

As we are all aware advice is changing rapidly and as a church, we will make every effort to keep people informed of any updates that we receive.

Although visiting people in person is restricted, contact can be maintained via phone or email and I would encourage us all to do this so that those of our community who are vulnerable or feel isolated can receive pastoral care and support.

Please continue to hold one another in prayer and pray for our wider community and those who seek to assist in any way with all in need.

If you need to contact me, please email me or call the rectory – 01383 732654

Prayers and Blessings to you all.

Kenny