

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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“I will be with you always, even to the end of time” Matt 28

Update from the Team

Welcome to the brave new world of church in the Coronavirus era! Whilst we are not allowed to hold formal church services we are allowed to open for quiet reflection and prayer. This means our community is allowed to meet, provided we take all sensible precautions. If attending the church when it is open, please observe best practice and don't flout the rules. They are there for your safety.

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom! Zoom is a word you are going to be hearing a lot more about. It's a way of meeting face to face using your phone or your tablet or your laptop. Totally free, you can have up to 100 people talking ace to face at a time. You can find it here (<https://zoom.us/download>) and we are recommending everyone install it. If technology is not your thing and you want help with this, just ask. We will do our best to help.

Please remember that Norman, David, Sarah (starting today!) and Kirsty are here should you need us. We will be constantly phoning people along with the wider pastoral team to make sure you are all ok. However, do not wait for us if you need to get in touch. You have our numbers, do not be shy in using them. We are here to help.

Keep the faith and do not lose your trust in God. Jesus said these words to the disciples when they were facing tough times. They are just as valid for us today.

"Don't let this throw you. You trust God, don't you? Trust me. [John 14:1](#)



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Call to Action - this week's checklist

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Get Connected by downloading Zoom and letting people know you want to stay connected through it.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Remember to PHONE and speak to people you may not see face to face. They will really appreciate it and you will feel better to. Volunteer for the phone tree.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pray for people in the congregation and community. Pray this week especially for Sarah who is starting her year with us on Monday.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Perform an Act of Kindness towards a neighbour.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Take steps to engage your faith through study and reflection.

keeping
in
touch

In times like this it is hugely important we keep in touch with each other. We are creating a phone tree where people commit to regularly phoning and checking in with a particular group of people. This way we can make sure everyone is safe and keep everyone connected.

Has the church got your contact details? Fill in the bit at the back and either email/phone Norman who will record them in the church roll.

Are you willing to phone others? Unless you tell us otherwise we will assume you are willing to phone and to be phoned!

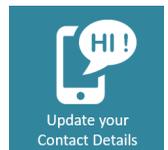
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Keeping The Faith

In AD390, the first publication is made of the Apostles Creed that had already been circulating for many years. It came into being as a way for people to memorize the core beliefs of Christianity when many people could not read.

Since then it has been recited by Christians across the globe during times of celebration and times of trouble.

For instance when Christians were persecuted under the later Roman Emperors people found solace in the creed because it reminded them God was greater than the Emperors.

During the middle ages when life was much more difficult than today the creed helped remind people how much God loved them and how much Jesus gave up for them.

- In our current challenging situation what comfort does the creed give you?
- Read it a few times, what stands out for you from it?
- Try saying it out loud a few times, how does that feel?

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth;

and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary. suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; On the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What's stopped and What's Still Happening

Due to the coronavirus emergency most of our usual activity has had to stop. We are limiting face to face interaction to safeguard people.

Share 'n' Wear is continuing due to it being an essential service for many. The Church building will also continue to be open for prayer on Sunday from 10-12 and we hope to have it open at some point every day (if we get the volunteers).

Check the website for an online message and some questions to help you think about things of faith. We will have one of these up each week.

There is a chance to be involved in all of the above plus an online small group and in the phone tree. If you are comfortable praying with others we also want to set up a prayer tree.

There is a lot going on but we need volunteers! Can you help with any of this?



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