

Dear All,

Firstly, this message assures you all of our continuing prayers for the parish and our world as we continue to come to terms with the COVID 19 pandemic.

At a meeting of the Parish Standing Committee on 18th January, we made the difficult but ultimately necessary decision to keep all churches in the parish closed until the end of February. It is important to emphasise that we do not take any church closures lightly or willingly and that we will be reviewing the situation on a regular basis.

We know that for many people this will be disappointing; we strongly want to get back to our buildings and worship face-to-face. However, with the pandemic still present in such a virulent form we felt that this was the only course of action open to us in order to keep both our worshippers and the wider community as safe as possible.

It was the Standing Committee who made this decision in conjunction with the clergy and it will be the Standing Committee who will be making any future decisions on this issue. We will consider in mid-February what to do about services in March.

Meanwhile as it says on the banner of our parish newsletter, “Our buildings are closed but our church is still open!” as you can see by some of the events and activities which are happening throughout the parish:

Sunday 11:00am	Online service via Zoom
Sunday 6.30pm	Evening service online
Monday - Thursday, Saturday 8:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 7.30pm	Online Parish prayer (see our newsletter and website for dates)
Thursday 7.00pm	Online Contemplative Prayer via Zoom

Other online resources are available including the Children’s corner, Messy Church Facebook group, Robert’s Saturday morning Children’s talk video plus many videos on our YouTube channel, posts on our Facebook page and on the parish website.

We encourage you all to make as full use of the online resources as possible so that we may continue to worship God as a parish community and family. Please also consider how you can keep in touch with those who don’t have access to online material or are not confident in using such.

In the knowledge that God is with us all at this difficult time.

Robert and David
Tuesday 19th January 2021

