

Tuesday 24 March 2020

Dear Friends,

As you will know, things are changing moment by moment. We are no longer able to open our churches for private prayer and contemplation. To help during this difficult time we have uploaded a short *Service of Prayers and Readings to Use at Home*, some *Prayers to Use at Home* as well as some further messages and videos that we're hoping will be a comfort. All of these can be found at our website:

<https://www.richmondteamministry.org/messages> We are all encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer at 1.00pm and 7.00pm daily, lighting a candle if possible.

You'll find some more suggestions and links to living out your faith at home, particularly if you have young people with you: [http://www.going4growth.com/growth\\_in\\_faith\\_and\\_worship/faith-in-the-home](http://www.going4growth.com/growth_in_faith_and_worship/faith-in-the-home)

Don't forget to let us know if you would welcome a phone call, or assistance with practical things like shopping or collecting prescriptions, or you're able to help others with this. We will keep in contact and let you know of any developments in these fast-changing times.

If you'd like us to request this group to pray for you (it can be as anonymous or not as you would like), then please reply to this email. If you'd like us to share some good news, please tell us by replying to this email. You may also want to stay in touch via our Facebook pages for each church or our Twitter account – please see the links at the bottom of this email.

If you would like help from Richmond Borough Council, or would like to offer help to others via the Council, then please see this link:

[https://www.richmond.gov.uk/services/wellbeing\\_and\\_lifestyle/health\\_protection\\_information/coronavirus\\_information/how\\_you\\_can\\_help](https://www.richmond.gov.uk/services/wellbeing_and_lifestyle/health_protection_information/coronavirus_information/how_you_can_help)

And don't forget, *Church* is everywhere – see: <http://cartoonchurch.com/content/cc/where-the-church-is-20/>

With every blessing,  
Anne, Neil and Wilma

**A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones**  
(Proverbs 17:22)

Let's lean towards "joyful" rather than "crushed" during this unprecedented time in history.

Reading - not cancelled.

Family - not cancelled.

Love - not cancelled.

Music - not cancelled.

Singing - not cancelled.

Laughing - not cancelled.

Sunsets - not cancelled.

Hope - not cancelled.

Let's take this unique moment in history to turn the Gratitude knob up to 11. God is still God.

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**Please pray for:**

...Fr. Jamil Khadir and the Anglican congregations in Nablus in the West Bank

...Christ's School

...Glass Door guests, on in temporary accommodation

...all those who work for the NHS and for medical researchers

...those who are sick or anxious and for those feeling lost and lonely

...the sick and those in need - Hermione Lockyer, Ron Bond, Madge Thorns, Molly Lambert, John Roberts

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## **COMING UP**

**Parish Retreat Saturday 24—Sunday 25 October** at The Royal Foundation of St Katherine in Limehouse. Our retreat will be led by writer and popular Radio 4 Thought for the Day contributor Brian Draper. The weekend will be a time to switch off from the noise and busyness of daily life and find rest for body, mind and soul in beautiful surrounds. St Katherine's offers luxury accommodation (all rooms en-suite) and great food. For more information and to reserve a place please [email Revd Anne Crawford](mailto:anne.crawford@stkatherine.org).

## **OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST**

We are urgently looking for a **new PCC Secretary**. This is an exciting opportunity to be involved in the governance of RTM. It does require you to be computer literate. Please [email Wilma for more information](mailto:wilma@richmondteamministry.org).

Because of the Government directives regarding coronavirus the **Christian Meditation Group** will not meet until further notice.

**Emergency Food Box** at St Mary Magdalene—for those in urgent need of food we have a box at the back of church. If you would like to donate food, please feel free to do so. Items should be non-perishable and easily consumed without the need for a tin opener or cooking equipment. Thank you.

The **Foodbank** is running low on the following donations:

- UHT milk (1 litre)
- Long life fruit juice
- Sugar
- Mashed potato (packet)
- Rice
- Tinned fruit/puddings (400gms)
- Tinned meat
- Coffee
- Jam/marmalade
- Breakfast Cereals

These can be bought and donated at: Waitrose plc, Sheen Road, Richmond and Sainsburys plc, Friar Style Road, Richmond and also the Vineyard Centre (please ring the Vineyard Centre to check when they're open: 020 8940 0274).

With best wishes,  
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