



Letter to church family #3 19/3/2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

'The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him'
Nahum 1:7

So many things seem to be happening almost on a daily base that it's hard to keep up. I won't repeat what I've already shared last week and earlier this week. I'm conscious that I don't want to flood your inbox with emails but on the other hand I am keen to support and encourage us all as we navigate these unprecedented times.

1. Let's pray!

- please join me in praying at 7:30pm each day. If that timing doesn't work then simply select a suitable alternative.
- who should I pray for? - perhaps this list can help:
 - for rulers and those in authority (1 Timothy 2:1,2) for great wisdom in tackling this crisis
 - for our community and work colleagues that in their need they would look to Christ
 - for our church family and especially the vulnerable
 - for a world in need - I've just received an email from GAFCON to pray about the plague of locusts affecting East Africa and Pakistan
- our plan is that during the week the church building will be open between 11 am and 1 pm for those who wish to pop in to pray on their own. We may be able to have the building open at other times but that will depend upon staff being available [most will be working from home].

2. Let's grow!

- we want to use the opportunity to grow in our knowledge of the Lord. [Here](#) is a short video on Psalm 57 to encourage us to turn to the Lord.
- on Sunday we will be live-streaming at 10 am - we'll send out a note about how to link in nearer the time. We're planning on special provision for children as well.



3. Let's serve!

- are there people around us whom we can assist in practical ways?
- Are there friends for whom Roger Carswell's latest tract ([available on our website](#)) written specifically about responding to the coronavirus would be helpful?

Finally a song and a prayer, once again from the Book of Common Prayer

- [There is a hope](#) - Stuart Townend
- The Third Collect Evening Prayer, for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Warmly in Christ,

Angus