

Dear Friends,

I am now back from Wales and wanted to update you with my plans particularly for this Sunday. As public church services have now been suspended Sue Linford and I will be celebrating communion on behalf of the whole benefice at Holy Trinity Church in Swyre at 9.30 am. Unfortunately it will not be possible for others to join us, but maybe to sit quietly at home, assured that this is happening for you. I will be bringing the photos you all prepared before my arrival so that we can pray for you all by sight.

I have also attached an order of service for Mothering Sunday for use at home, enabling us to join together in an act of worship across the benefice.

All our churches will remain open as places of prayer and comfort, we ask that people keep a safe distance from each other.

Over the coming weeks we will be trying different ways of staying connected as praying communities, any ideas welcome. We continue to be committed to providing spiritual and pastoral care for all who live in our communities and will be working out how to achieve this given the current circumstances.

Here is a prayer for use during these uncertain times:

*God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
In their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Please forward this to as many as possible within our community and do not hesitate to contact me as necessary.

*Every blessing,
Jane*

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*Please note my usual day off is Thursday