



Information concerning the life of Holy Trinity Church

It is our hope that the following actions will ensure we still maintain a measure of spiritual life and growth together, and that we look after one another and others in practical ways.

- **There will be no gatherings for public worship on Sunday. Instead:**

1. We will record a sermon (audio only until we upgrade to video) and make it available on the website and by email.
2. We will post links to songs and post prayers so to some extent we share in praise and prayer together.
3. We encourage you to do this together as households as we normally would at 10am on Sundays.
4. There are many good (and many more questionable) resources online for our Christian encouragement. As we use these, let's also remember our identity and the priority of being a local church family together. For a full range of excellent resources, I wholeheartedly commend here:
<https://www.clayton.tv/find/explore/318/0i0/6398/>

- **There will be no homegroup or other small group meetings. Instead:**

1. The Sunday evening prayer meeting will take place as a conference call on the Zoom app. An invitation will be emailed to those who usually attend. If you would like to join in please email paultrevordarlington@gmail.com for an invitation link.
2. We encourage you to keep in touch with the other members of your group in any way that complies with the government's guidelines. This may include country walks, electronic communication or conversations from a window. Use your imagination!
3. It would be possible to read the Scriptures, pray together and communicate needs by video conferencing on the Zoom app (other apps are available). Group leaders will have been approached about this.
4. We encourage you to serve group members practically as they need help due to self-isolation or otherwise. This is already happening amongst us and beyond to our neighbours, families and friends.

- **There will be no young people's groups. Instead:**

1. Mark will be in touch with parents regarding good resources for engaging with the Bible and praying at home as a family.
2. We will provide resources to parents for helping their primary school aged children at home on Sunday mornings in place of Lighthouse.
3. Mark is in touch with other youth and families ministers regarding ways we can continue to support young people, particularly at this difficult time.

- **There will be a programme to provide similar fellowship and practical support for members of the congregation who are not part of a small group**

- We will use the electoral roll, church address book and other contact details we hold to keep in contact. We will do this by assigning people to a 'care group'. In many cases a care group will be an extension to an existing small group. Through home group leaders, PCC members and others we aim not to miss anyone.
- To this end, ***please email holytrinityoswestry@gmail.com or call 01691 652184 if you think we may not have your contact details and would like to be contacted, or if you are already self-isolated or in need of any kind of help.***

- **Other matters**

For baptism, marriage and funeral matters please make contact in the usual way. At the time of writing we are still awaiting detailed guidance on how these might proceed. In any case it would be a very small gathering.

PCC meetings and other legalities are similarly constrained by government advice. In particular we wait for legal guidance concerning the APCM.

All this information can be found on the church website <https://www.holytrinityoswestry.org>, facebook page, and noticeboard. It is available by email from holytrinityoswestry@gmail.com and the vicarage telephone number is 01691 652184.