Prayers to help us worship at home.

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful. and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort. knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

For one who is ill or isolated

O God. help me to trust you, help me to know that you are with me. help me to believe that nothing can separate me from your love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For hospital staff and medical researchers

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer remembering God is with us

Lord God, you are always with me. You are with me in the day and in the night.

You are with me when I'm happy and when I'm sad.

You are with me when I'm healthy and when I am ill.

You are with me when I am peaceful and when I am worried.

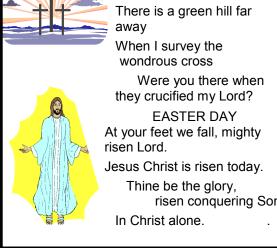
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Hymns to encourage and uplift GOOD FRIDAY

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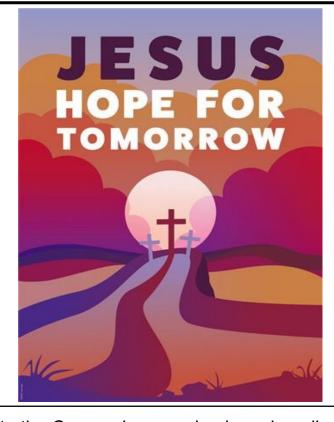
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Due to the Coronavirus pandemic and as directed by the Archbishops, services and social gatherings at All Saints will be suspended until further notice.

Our sister Church, Holy Trinity, will be open every day from 10 00am until 6 00pm for private prayer.

Please do continue to pray for our nation, its leaders, our neighbours, our families, and those who work in the NHS.

DEAR FRIENDS

I did not expect a few months ago to be writing an Easter message in such a vein as I now write. No one could have predicted the state our nation is in. Fear, stress, panic buying, church services cancelled - some might think it is even worse that the pubs are closed.

The Bible tells us in the end times, there will be fires, floods and pestilence. These are the happenings that we see in our newspapers yet the Bible also says these things must happen before a new heaven and a new earth are formed.

But Jesus has promised never to leave us or forsake us, even in times of turmoil. We need, more than ever before, to keep looking to Him in faith to meet us in our hour of need.

The very message of Easter is one not just of resurrection, but one of hope. New life and new beginnings after Lent herald a time of reflection. This is now the time to apply the lessons of Lent that we have learnt for our own lives and walk with God.

So, despite the times of uncertainty we face, let us this Easter focus on the certainty of God's love and care for us, and the offer of new life that Easter has brought us through the resurrection.

Easter Blessings to you all and stay safe,

Alan Buckley, Lay Minister

Due to the Coronavirus, all Services and Church activities, including regular and special calendar social events, are cancelled.

We will endeavour to keep you updated on changes that might happen, especially the opening of the Church for worship, and events.

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Light for Life

Light for Life are setting up a scheme in the present crisis to supply emergency food parcels to the vulnerable in Southport.

Monetary donations are urgently required, and can be sent to their office at 68 Eastbank Street, Southport, marking them from All Saints.

Dave Parry can be contacted on 01704 535994 for more information.

LIKEWISE, **FOODBANK** is still very much in need and since we are not able to receive your gifts at church, please send donations to Lakeside Foodbank or Ainsdale as they are the only two still open for now. Cheques to Southport Foodbank at Lakeside Church, North Promenade or Online to Sort code: 40-42-30 A/c number: 42087391



Pastoral Care & Church Links

Just a gentle reminder that **Fr. Tom** is always available to offer private prayer, particularly in cases of illness, or times of distress, both to members of the congregation, and also all who live in this parish.

Details of contact on adjacent page.

Every member of the **Leadership Team and the PCC** now has a short list of church members who they will contact regularly (and it is hoped that members will continue their own conversations with their 'circle'). Please be assured that, as in any family, we have concern for each individual, so links and friendships can grow in the coming weeks as we endeavour to keep in touch and pray for one another's health and well-being.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

- Those presently not well or recovering from recent sickness.
- Those who are housebound and their carers.
- The families of those recently bereaved.
- Members of the congregation who are vulnerable in this present situation; all being cared for in residential homes.
- Father Tom, Alan and the leadership team as they seek God's plan for the way forward for the Church, as they seek to support the congregations at present. And seek opportunities for mission.
- Our Prime Minister, his Cabinet, and special advisors, for wisdom in how to deal with the present situation, to minimise the suffering of the nation, and how to cope with handling the situation for those having caught the virus, and to stop its spread