

## Prayers to help us worship at home.

### **When Loneliness is all around**

know that I am here.  
If sorrow seems to fill your heart,  
know I'll wipe your tear.  
When burdens are too much to bear,  
I'll carry them away.  
If times are hard and you feel lost,  
I'll help you find the way.  
When darkness seem to cloud your dreams,  
I'll hold you through the night.  
For I, the Lord, am by your side.  
to darkness, I am light.

*(A poem submitted by Irene Mc Kinney)*

### **For our Christian community**

Lord, we are not people of fear -  
we are people of courage.  
We are not people who protect our own  
safety - we care for our neighbours'.  
We are not people of greed -  
we are people of generosity.  
We are your people, God,  
loving and giving wherever we are,  
whatever it costs,  
for as long as it takes,  
wherever and whenever you call us.  
Help us to be obedient to your call.  
In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

### **Zoom Coffee Morning**

We now have up and running a  
virtual coffee morning on Zoom.  
It is hosted by John & Helen at 10am for  
about 40 mins. on Friday mornings  
It was great fun, and proved to be a good  
opportunity for everyone to catch up, to  
see each other and to chat. DO JOIN US!  
If you have technical difficulties in getting  
on to Zoom, please contact John Lloyd.  
Tel. 533530 or john@llo.me.uk



### **For the bereaved**

Lord Christ, who wept for  
Lazarus your friend, I ask  
that you will comfort the  
grieving and be with all who are  
coming to terms with the sudden  
deaths of loved ones, both old  
and young. Grant them daily  
strength and courage.

In your holy name I pray.

**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 medical staff & researchers**

Gracious God, give skill, sym-  
pathy and resilience to all who are  
caring for the sick, and your wis-  
dom 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.**

*More prayers are available on the  
Church of England website: search  
"Coronavirus liturgy"*

**Those who wait upon the  
Lord shall renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like  
eagles, they will walk and not  
be faint.  
Isaiah 40:31**

# All Saints Church

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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.

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

Please remember the NHS , Care Home, and Emergency  
Services workers every Thursday evening  
by clapping them at 8pm.

## **DEAR FRIENDS**

As I read the newspapers this week, and talk to people, I am aware that the lockdown is causing a lot of people health issues, especially emotional ones. It maybe that some in our congregation are finding the lockdown and safe distancing causing them a feeling of maybe being trapped with cabin fever or some other issue. I want you to know that the Leadership team and the PCC are here as your brothers and sisters in Christ, to listen and to pray for you.

Feeling down and lonely can be a depressing spiral which can lead to real problems of health. The poster on the front reminds us to wash our hands as per the Covid-19 guidance, but there can be greater symbolism in washing our hands, as we are giving to God our problems, simply washing them away. But when we give thanks for all the good things we enjoy - families, friends, provision of food and shelter but to name a few, we are reminded of the blessings we do have from our Father.. We start to lift ourselves out of feeling maybe all alone, and let God fill us with his love and peace.

There will come a time when the lockdown is over, and we will be able to gather together in All Saints as a family. I pray that day will come sooner than we dare think.

Blessings 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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**N.B.**

**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.

**Light for Life** have set 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 would like to say a big thank you to all who have contributed, and asks for your continued support**



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 Foodbank 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 no. 42087391

## **Pastoral Care & Church Links**

Every member of the **Leadership Team and the PCC** 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.

## **WORSHIPPING on SUNDAYS**

Many of us are missing our regular weekly services and being together in God's house. Finding a quiet dedicated chair at home and focussing on the Lord and His creation especially can be a special blessing. Know that we are in fellowship with one another through tuning to BBC1 at (times vary) or Radio 4 at 08.10 is possible, also YouTube acts of worship and Fr.Tom's email prayers & readings.

## **FOR OUR PRAYERS . . . . .**

- Those recovering from recent sickness or undergoing long-term treatment.
- Those who are housebound and their carers.
- The families of those recently bereaved:
- Members of the congregation who are vulnerable in this present situation; or 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.
- For those in business and work routines which have been reduced.