

*The following letter was emailed by the chair of the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Central Exeter to all our parishioners. Please see the prayer for those in isolation and a link to useful resources.*

Hello everyone

The present emergency is changing daily and is affecting the Church of England in the same way as everyone else. We shall try to keep you all updated about significant changes in the life of this Parish.

At present all public church services in the Parish and throughout the Church of England have been suspended. There are no services taking place in our churches until further notice. This includes Tuesdays at St Pancras. We are looking at ways in which as a Parish we can retain some sense of communal worship even if we are unable to meet physically. Please look out for more on this.

We would like to keep at least one of our churches open, but this will depend on how it can be kept safe and infection possibilities controlled. I understand the Cathedral will be open (without charge!) as a place for prayer.

The Annual Church Meeting and all associated activities eg membership of PCC, churchwardens etc is postponed until October at least, and in the meantime everyone retains their current status.

You may like to look at the diocesan website on this link

<https://exeter.anglican.org/resources/coronavirus-guidance/coronavirus-resources/>

for prayers, other resources and ideas during this stressful period.

A prayer for those in isolation

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.

Go well, everyone

Keith