

## The Parish Churches of St Peter's, Draycott and St Leonard's, Rodney Stoke

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

### Coronavirus and social isolation

We want to support you in any way we can during this very difficult time. Please don't struggle alone. If you would like help with calling for medical attention, collection of medicine, a telephone chat, or prayer by telephone, (a pastoral visit by clergy or a church Ministry Team member may be possible to a person who is not symptomatic) – if there is any way in which we can support you, please telephone one of the following people and we shall respond (please leave a voice message if the call is not answered):

#### The clergy

Stuart Burns (07595946284)  
Hilary Thomas (01934-742207)  
Judith Rose (01934-744871)

#### Draycott

Churchwardens: Chris Green (01749-870554), John English (07828150807)  
Thea Oliver (01934-744739), Alison Jeffries (01749-870684)

#### Rodney Stoke

Churchwarden: Megan James (01749-870555)  
Chris (Churchwarden) and Honor Neave (01749-870053)  
Steve and Ann Percival (01749-870530)

Please do phone one of us if you are alone, afraid, or in any kind of need with which we can help you. We shall try our best to respond to you appropriately and supportively.

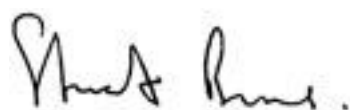
The Draycott Community Shop is offering a free grocery delivery service through the crisis period; to order please phone 01934-744044.

~~Though we cannot hold normal services, the church buildings will be open every day as usual for private reflection and a quiet space.~~

*[Updated 24/03/20- churches are to be closed until further notice, by government order]*

On the reverse side of this letter are some prayers, which you might perhaps find helpful during this worrying time.

With sincere good wishes for you and your family to be safe,



Stuart (Rector)

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### Prayer

Loving God,

We pray for all those who are suffering because of the coronavirus, may they know your healing power.

When we are afraid for ourselves and our loved ones, give us your strength and courage.

When we feel alone and isolated, reassure us with a sense of your presence.

Give wisdom to those in authority and may our community work together for the good of all.

We give thanks for those who care for others and ask you to bless them in all they do.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, healer and physician.

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. Today I am feeling (name how you are feeling) because (reasons you are feeling this way). Help me to remember that you love me and are with me in everything today. Amen.

### A prayer for the world

God of love and hope, you made the world and care for all creation, but the world feels strange right now. The news is full of stories about Coronavirus. Some people are worried that they might get ill. Others are anxious for their family and friends. Be with them and help them to find peace. We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists, and all who are working to discover the right medicines to help those who are ill. Thank you that even in these anxious times, you are with us. Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe. Amen.

### A prayer at bedtime

Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world, we pray  
That you, with steadfast love, would keep  
Your watch around us while we sleep.  
Amen.