

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I thought it wise to send you a follow-up email in the light of the recent instructions and guidance circulated from and by the national Church and Diocese of Hereford.

Although formal public services will cease for the time being we will find ways of carrying on in one way or another.

With that in mind:

1. Please continue to let me have any prayer requests you may have and do pray for each other and the world at this time of challenge. We will circulate some resources ASAP.

2. If you need assistance do let me or Ann Barge know and we will try our best to help you.

3. All parish meetings will be cancelled until further notice and I will provide updates where necessary. The Parish Office although physically closed will continue to work remotely and we have plans to organise telephone contact to check in on those who might need it.

4. I will celebrate a single Eucharist, every Sunday morning at the St Laurence's Parish Church at 9.30am. Although this will not be open to the public, we are working on a way to live stream this service so that you can join me and some of our choir in worshiping from home.

5. St Laurence's will be open between 10am and 5pm each day for prayer and reflection. This will be in the St John's chapel only, which can be accessed by the side door located on the north side of the church through the garden of remembrance. Unfortunately St John's Parish Church will not be open during this period.

6. The parish office will continue to circulate a weekly notices news sheet, to keep us all in touch and up to date with the ongoing situation.

7. I will continue to christen, marry and bury anyone if requested to do so. These occasions will, necessarily, be more private and restrained and with fewer attending. I am calling all families who have contacted us to arrange these services to reassure them of our continued support but also to advise them that if they wish to postpone we will certainly understand!

Please keep in your prayers those needing the support of the Church and the love of God, and pray for me and the rest of the clergy as we try to do the best we can during this difficult period.

If I can give one piece of advice it would be: focus on what we can do and not on what we can't do. Use this time we have been forced to take from our normal activities to pray, read, rest and consider others as much as possible. We will get through this in the best way possible if we obey Jesus and love God with all our heart and others as we do ourselves.

Love and blessings in Christ,

Kelvin.