



## The Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Newbold

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Dear

As you may well have seen or heard in the news yesterday, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have instructed all clergy to suspend public services for the foreseeable future and we will be honouring their request.

Our church services will not be happening on Sundays or Tuesdays for the foreseeable future. This decision also extends to all other church groups and events.

We have enclosed a booklet of '**prayer resources for those unable to meet together**' as well as a copy of the newly produced **Church Directory** (based on GDPR compliant contact forms). If your name and contact details are not in the directory, and you would like them to be, please let us know and we can send you a form.

We are also keen to continue to be a voice of hope to our community. We are aware that vulnerable people, and those who are self isolating, might struggle with some day to day tasks. If you or anyone you know in Newbold needs help with shopping, a friendly phone call or other errands please can you direct them to:

**www.newboldparishchurch.org.uk/contact-us/**  
where they can fill out a contact form, or email us directly:  
**info@newboldparishchurch.org.uk**

We have a team of people on our new **Emergency Pastoral Response Group** who will be phoning everyone on the electoral roll once a week to see how you are doing. If you would prefer not to receive a call, please let your pastoral contact know. (all have a current DBS and are Safeguard trained).

If you need specifically need to speak to a minister, then please call Revd Ben **450374** or Revd Rhoda **07838316610**

We recognise that this is an incredibly difficult and unusual situation for all of us. However, we also want to reassure everyone that we are not alone and through the grace of God we can support, encourage and love one another and our community through whatever lies ahead.

Every blessing,

Revd. Ben Griffiths MA  
Rector, Newbold Parish Church  
Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands (ADDO)