



ST PAUL'S EALING

NEWS BULLETIN
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Dear Friends

Well we really are in a different world and as I write this on Thursday evening, I am aware that things may well have changed again by Friday night. Everything it seems is shifting and it's at times like this that we need an anchor point in our lives. Something that is firm and secure. Jesus is that firm foundation that can be relied on. So let's prayerfully support one another and most important stay in touch.

Today Presidents of Churches Together in England have issued a call to prayer in the light of the Coronavirus pandemic. This is for all churches and people of prayer to join on Sunday 22 March, Mothering Sunday.

They write....

This Mothering Sunday 22 March, we are calling all churches to a National Day of Prayer and Action. At such a time as this, when so many are fearful and there is great uncertainty, we are reminded of our dependence on our loving Heavenly Father and the future that he holds.

At 7pm this Sunday, light a candle in the windows of your homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer.

Whether you are continuing to worship as congregations or not, we have the great privilege and freedom to be able to call upon God, wherever we are, individually and corporately, for healing in our nation. We would pray for all in leadership at this time, making decisions about the containment of the COVID-19 virus, for those working in health and social care, and especially for the most vulnerable, whether elderly or those with underlying health conditions.

There are already stories being told of wonderful acts of kindness across neighbourhoods. Alongside your prayers, take the opportunity to telephone or email someone who is isolated, buy some additional food for your local Foodbank, or offer to deliver shopping for an elderly neighbour. We may not be able to touch physically, but we can make connections in so many other ways.

As a church let's gather online this Sunday at 11am. Lindsay and I will have recorded something that will go up on the website for everyone to connect into. So even though we won't be able to see each other let's share the same space online.

We will be posting on the website regularly so do, please keep checking in.

Sending love and prayers.

Mark Melliush
Senior Pastor

Kids

Just a reminder that there are no Sunday Groups or other groups during the week. We would love to still connect with your children. Please follow us @stpaulskidsealing on Facebook and Instagram. We are going to be posting a lot of different video's, crafts, memory verses, ideas on how to help our community during this time, competitions for the children to enter, dance routines, worship songs and more.

Also tune in to Facebook at 10am on Sunday morning for our weekly message, this week we are going to be looking at Peace and how God brings us peace even in these turbulent times. Following on from Sunday our memory verse and crafts for the week will be based on God's Peace. You will be able to access this on Facebook and on our church website: stpaulsealing.com

We look forward to connecting with you and your children on these different platforms.

Tamlyn Carshagan / Children's Pastor

Women

Connect, our women's cluster who meet on a Thursday morning, are currently taking a break from our meetings in church, in line with St Paul's response to the Coronavirus. But we fully intend to stay connected and continue meeting as far as we can, via online meet-ups. You are hopefully in a WhatsApp group linked to your Connect group, but if not and you would like to be part of a group, please get in touch and we will add you in. We don't want anyone to miss out or feel isolated during this challenging time.

with love

Lindsay Melliush & the Connect team

Please pray for..

God's Power - Pray for an end to the spread of the Coronavirus. Pray for God's protection on those most vulnerable for God's healing on those who are unwell. Pray for a swift change in the areas of our world most affected such as Italy and Spain.

God's Peace - Pray that God's peace will be known in anxious hearts and mind, ask for God's help that as followers of Jesus we would choose faith over fear and be a peaceful presence to those we know.

God's Provision - Pray for local business' and those struggling with an uncertain future because of the economic impact of the Coronavirus. Pray especially for those who have lost jobs. Pray for hearts to trust in God who promises to provide all we need.

NHS - Please pray for all doctors, nurses and hospital staff at this hugely demanding time. Thank God for their desire to help others and for their skill. Pray for new strength and grace each day.



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