

ALL SAINTS'



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All Saints' Welcomes Everyone



VICAR'S VIEWPOINT

Hope and love

Dear friends,

We suddenly find ourselves living in unprecedented times and are all united in our concern for one another as we face uncertainty and anxiety. As we look back at times of crisis in our community, the Church has sought to play a role in reminding us of God's love, even in times of difficulty.

Although All Saints is not open for public worship or gatherings, we hope that the Church building and Churchyard will remain a place of peace and comfort. However, prayer will certainly continue.

We are offering our prayers daily for those affected by this illness and the extraordinary people who are working around the clock to keep them well and protect us all. We are offering prayer for our local community, our regular congregation, many of whom are now confined to their homes.

We are also praying for all organisations, charities and businesses which will be affected financially in this time of uncertainty.

Over the coming days we will be sharing ways in which we can offer spiritual support by keeping in touch and sharing resources through our newsletter, website and social media channels.

Let us remember that hope overcomes fear and light shines in the darkness. We hope that you will also keep in touch with us.

We hope that we can all be good neighbours offering appropriate help where we can by keeping in touch with those who are isolated by phone and if we can offer to do our neighbours shopping when needed.

We have put together our list of helpers and if you need help please call us or email support@allsaintshertford.org

With love and blessing,
Jo

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A PRAYER FOR THIS TIME

*Loving God,
Bless us all, particularly now.
Particularly when we are comforting others
Particularly when we are offering hope
Particularly when people are isolated
Particularly when we feel overwhelmed
ourselves
Particularly when we are afraid.
Help us to remember that you are right here,
now, in the midst of us
Calling us by name.
Amen.*

CHURCH CLOSED

On advice from the Archbishops, all acts of Public Worship, groups, clubs, study groups etc are now suspended and the church closed until further notice.

We have created a variety of worship materials to be used in the interim, including as complete a 'Sunday Morning' service as possible, with readings, prayers, a short homily and more.

If you have internet access you can find this at <https://www.allsaintshertford.org/worship.php>

If not please contact us and we can arrange to deliver/post one to you.

CANDLE OF HOPE



Thousands of Christians lit candles and prayed on Mothering Sunday at 7.00 pm and want to keep the prayer going.

While the online witness was extraordinary, we are aware that not many people were outside to see the candle St Paul tells us to pray continually. However, it helps to know that others are also praying at a specific time, so we encourage you to pray at 7.00 pm on Sunday evening and 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.

"Let us pray for one another during this difficult time. *"Cast all your cares on to Him, for He cares for you."* 1 Peter 5. 7"

DO YOU NEED SUPPORT?

The All Saints family would like to reach out to those who are isolated and could do with someone to talk to. We have a group of friends who would like to support all those who need it. If it would be helpful for you to have someone call you, please email support@allsaintshertford.org or phone 01992 504893

OTHER WAYS OF SHARING MINISTRY

Just because we cannot meet together in person at the moment, it doesn't mean that we can't offer worship and prayer. You can find resources, and links to more on at (<https://www.allsaintshertford.org/worship.php>) and at <https://www.allsaintshertford.org/prayer.php> .

We will also be posting via our social media channels (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram - @AllSaintsHertf).

GIVING TO ALL SAINTS

All Saints is carrying on. Jo is still here, offering her ministry in new and demanding ways, and we must continue to look after the church building. That means that most of our

expenses continue. We are very grateful to all of you who continue to support us through standing orders at this time.

If you normally use the weekly envelope scheme and would like to continue your giving you can transfer funds directly to the church bank account:

Sort Code: 60-10-39 Account Number: 07001126

Account Name: All Saints Hertford Parochial Church Council

Reference: Your surname

If you wish to gift aid your donation, please notify the Stewardship Officer of the amount at giving@allsaintshertford.org. Alternatively, you can send a cheque to the Stewardship Officer, 72 Brickendon Lane, Hertford, Herts. SG13 8HY. We will continue to collect the gift aid on your donation if we already do so.

DO NOT FEAR

When the disciples were frightened, Jesus said, do not fear.

When Jairus's daughter was mortally sick, Jesus said to Jairus, don't be afraid.

When people were weary of life and the future, Jesus said, do not be afraid.

When God spoke audibly and the disciples were full of fear, Jesus said, do not fear.

When the women came looking for Jesus' body and instead saw an angel, he said, do not be afraid.

Are we getting the message? We are told over and over, do not fear, do not be afraid. It's never easy but it's still a command. Do not fear. All this, the news, the uncertainty, the worry, even so, do not fear. Mother Julian knew how to do it. Say to yourselves, over and over, 'all will be well, and all will be well, and all manner of thing will be well'. We will get through this so do not be afraid.

Jenni Hawke

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