

Church is Changing!

You have probably already seen on the News that all of our church services (except weddings, funerals and baptisms) are now suspended until further notice. You can find the Archbishops' communication at <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/news/archbishops-call-church-england-become-radically-different-public-worship>.

Church is changing, but the Church, the life of the people of God, the presence of the body of Christ on earth, continues to exist. There are a few ways that we can keep our local church going at this time:

- St Mary's Storrington will be open every day from 10am-4pm for individuals to come in and pray.
- Every Sunday at 10am I would urge you to spend a little time in prayer and quiet reflection, remembering everyone in the congregation, and all those you are concerned for. This way we will still be a congregation, just not physically meeting together.
- On Mothering Sunday, 22 March, church will be open from 10-4 and you can pop in and collect a flower posy for yourself and perhaps some for self-isolating neighbours. There will also be a prayer leaflet for you to take away. People are also being asked around the country to light a candle at 7pm and put it in a window, as part of a day of Prayer and Action.
- On Palm Sunday, 5 April, there will be blessed Palm Crosses for you to take away.
- There is due to be a regular Sunday service on BBC1 which you can watch. This Sunday it will be the Archbishop of Canterbury taking the service.
- Other worship resources online are:

Daily Service on Radio 4 - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006wzfs>

Daily Choral Evensong on Radio 3 - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006tp7r>

Sunday Worship on Radio 4 - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qnds>

- Keep checking back on our church website for information and prayer resources. Church is changing but we are still the church congregation here at St Mary's.

Please be assured of my prayers for you, and all your loved ones, at this very difficult and stressful time.

Canon Kathryn Windslow