

Access to the church for private individual prayer on Sunday afternoons

I am pleased to announce that the PCC have agreed to open our church building for private prayer to individuals on Sunday afternoons, starting on *Sunday 5th July from 2pm to 5pm.*

Because of the situation with Covid-19, admittance will be for individuals only who have prebooked a timeslot with the Rector. These will be every quarter of an hour (ie. 2pm, 2.15pm, 2.30pm) which permits ten minutes of prayer with a five minute cleaning and changeover period between each slot.

Please do not attend if you are in the shielding category.

To book a timeslot please contact the Rector on 0121 7302801. Alternatively, send a Facebook or WhatsApp message to Rev Mark, or if you have it, email the Rector directly with your preferred timeslots and he will confirm which slot you are allocated.

Before heading to church for prayer, *please bring a suitable face covering to cover your nose and mouth whilst in the building.* Entry will be through the side gate opposite the graveyard and you will be directed by signage to wait outside the south door by the church hall. Please bring an umbrella if it is raining! The Rector will admit you as an individual to pray, using hand sanitiser on entry, and you will be directed to one of the plastic seats at the front of church by the altar which will be cleaned between visits. We respectfully ask you not to touch anything or leave anything in the building – if you need to steady yourself walking down the aisle the Rector will wipe any surfaces involved. If you wish to bring your own Bible or prayer book you may as none will be available in the building. Regrettably we cannot allow for individual lighting of candles but the Rector will light candles on the altar during your stay.

After your visit you will be encouraged to use hand sanitiser as you leave and exit via the North door of the church, via the main footpath.

Please note the church hall will not be open and toilet facilities will be unavailable. The church building will be deep cleaned the day before and all chairs used will be cleaned afterwards and replaced for the following week. In these troubling times, wherever you are, my thoughts and prayers are with you, whether you are praying at home or in our beautiful building. We hope you understand that this carefully considered access to church is done for everyone's safety and the PCC will periodically review our measures in accordance with the latest government and church instructions. I hope in future weeks some simple spoken services will be able to resume in church once the PCC considers these in light of updated guidance.

God bless. *Rev Mark Hopkins*