

To all the members of St. Mary's, Ealing;

Grace, mercy and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Following the advice from the Archbishops this week our public services of worship on Sundays are suspended until further notice. However, we can and will continue together through this time of social distancing to be a people of faith and prayer. God in his goodness and grace continues to indwell us by his Spirit, moment by moment. He is with us and although we need to be careful and follow all the pre-cautionary advice, we do not need to fear. Our response to the Corona Virus crisis is as follows:

St Mary's Church, Ealing, Live Streaming of Sunday Service.

Each Sunday morning at 10.30am we will be able to join together, via clicking on our website and the U-Tube icon there, in a simple, said service of morning prayer, with readings, sermon and intercessions lead by the St. Mary's clergy team. This will also be accessible after the live stream has ended. Again, via clicking on the U-Tube icon on our website. Please do join us for that time of prayer and ministry of the Word.

St Mary's Church, Ealing, Corona Virus Buddy Scheme

We have decided to run a "Buddy Scheme" during the present Corona Virus situation. This scheme will link helpers or "buddies" with those who need help during this time. The people needing help may be people who are self-isolating or indeed people who are unwell.

The scheme will provide:

- Support and friendship, such as regular phone calls
- Help with shopping and other errands such as collection of medicines
- Prayer support

If you are **able to offer support** to others during this time please let Sarah Marten (020 8991 2909/07973 511680, sarah.marten@btinternet.com or Jennie Paynter (020 8567 0414, jennierpaynter@gmail.com) know.

Equally if **you need support** during this time please let Sarah or Jennie know. They will match you up to a buddy.

The helpers will follow the latest advice about keeping safe. This might include leaving shopping on the doorstep rather than going inside.

You can also contact the church office on 020 8579 7134. Please do let the church office know if you are unwell.

As a church we want to do everything we can during this time to help people. Please let us know if you have any other ideas about how this can be achieved.

Many thanks to Sarah Marten and Jennie Paynter who are co-ordinating the buddy scheme.

Stay safe and keep well.

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with all of you." 2Thess. 3:16

From Steve and all the staff team at St. Mary's, Ealing.