

The Little Dart Mission Community Website



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To know Christ and make Him known

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OUR TEAM

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This is the place to visit for details about the life of the 12 churches in the Mission Community

www.littledartchurches.org.uk

For Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals.

In Chulmleigh, Burrington, Chawleigh, Cheldon, Thelbridge and Wembworthy please contact Rev'd Tony

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Weekday Prayers in church

All public services in our Mission Community are suspended until further notice

House Groups

Chawleigh House Group

Suspended until further notice.

Witheridge House Group

Suspended until further notice.



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Diary Dates & Info

Sunday 22 March 2020

A very warm welcome to you today

May you know God's blessing today and in the days ahead.

Churches Response to Coronavirus

All public services in our Mission Community are suspended until further notice

We have just received guidance on the next stage in trying to control the spread of the Coronavirus from the Archbishop's and general guidance has been published on the church of England website and is being regularly updated.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

In light of the Government guidance around non-essential contact, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued advice that public worship is suspended until further notice.

Churches should be open where possible but with no public worship services taking place. Prayers can be said by clergy and ministers on behalf of everyone and churches should consider ways of sharing this with the wider community.

As a result all public services in our Mission Community are suspended until further notice. This is likely to be in place for at least a month and for possibly for several months. In the face of these challenges the Archbishop's have issued a joint statement and are calling us to face the challenge by becoming a radically different kind of church rooted in prayer and serving others.

In the Diocese of Exeter



pray



grow



serve with joy

“This is a defining moment for the Church of England. Are we truly a church for all, or just the church for ourselves.

“We urge you sisters and brothers to become a different sort of church in these coming months: hopeful and rooted in the offering of prayer and praise and overflowing in service to the world.”

The archbishops have joined other church leaders in calling for a day of prayer and action this Sunday (Mothering Sunday) particularly remembering those who are sick or anxious and all involved in health and emergency services.

In the meantime we have been looking at a range of resources here in Chulmleigh and there is a good daily reading application called Read Scripture which also links in with resources from the Bible Project that we have been using for the last few months.

The read scripture website gives details of the reading plan.

<https://www.readscripture.org/>

"We are encouraging a new generation to study the Scriptures honestly—to pursue truth even when it doesn't agree with our natural impulses. The vision of Read Scripture is not to tell people what the Bible says, but to teach them how to discover truth for themselves in the Word."

Quote from the Read Scripture website

There is a very encouraging video lower down the page.

It looks daunting but with the videos and overview sheets I think it will be worth a try.

The Bible project has a host of videos and posters for each book of the bible and many themes within the bible and is well worth a look.

<https://bibleproject.com/>

We have been following The Prayer Course as a Lent course here in Chulmleigh which looks at the Lord's Prayer over 8 sessions. It is a really good course, well presented and easy to follow. It is also free online at

<https://prayercourse.org/>

There is a resource on prayer during a time of crisis. It is simple and gives a focus for our prayers.

A Quick introduction to Interceding for a Large-Scale Crisis

It can be helpful to focus our emergency intercessions at times of large-scale crisis on three particular groups:

1. People afflicted: We ask God to comfort those who suddenly find their lives torn apart by grief, loss, fear and trauma.
2. Pastors and Priests: We ask God to give courage to church leaders seeking to bring Christ's presence and hope in the midst of trauma and profound questions of pain.
3. Peacemakers, politicians and police: We ask God to give clarity and wisdom to government agencies and NGOs, blessing and supporting their efforts to bring justice, reconciliation and aid.

We will keep you informed as things develop.

I will finish with a prayer for the current situation from the Church of England website

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.
Amen.

Wednesdays

Café in Chulmleigh Church

The Wednesday Café in Chulmleigh will be suspended until further notice.

