

The Rectory

7<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Family,

It is a great relief to know that the government has assessed the national situation and where we have got to in dealing with the Covid-19 virus. It is good to now be able to meet with some others in our families and also that shops, restaurants and pubs are open subject to safety restrictions. We are still awaiting more information from the Church of England to enable us to make wise and safe decisions about when we can have services in our Church and the form of how things will need to be. When we know more the PCC will decide what is right for us at this time and we will let everyone know. Until then the Church is open on Sundays and Wednesdays from 12.00pm until 15.00pm for private prayer and we have our virtual services on Sunday (with the Diocese) and Wednesday mornings (Morning Prayer) and we have our prayer time ('Together in Prayer') on Saturday mornings at 10.30am.

At this time I want to recognize and say a huge thank you to David Philipson, Susan Bailey and Haydn Langley. David chairs the Standing Committee and PCC and has steered us all through the legalities and regulations relating to all that the Church can and must do during these difficult times, Susan has organized the excellent weekly newsletter that goes out to everyone by email and by post to those without computer access and Haydn has looked after the Church webpage for us all. Together they have been the driving force that keeps us safe, up to date, informed and connected.

Stay safe and God bless!

Andrew+

## **A prayer for the world**

God of love and hope,

you made the world and care for all creation,

but the world feels strange right now.

The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.

Some people are worried that they might get ill.

Others are anxious for their family and friends.

Be with them and help them to find peace.

We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,

and all who are working to discover the right medicines

to help those who are ill.

Thank you that even in these anxious times,

you are with us.

Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe.

Amen.