



## **ST.MARTIN OF TOURS CHURCH - CHELSFIELD**

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### **‘Staying in Touch’ – Church Communication in a time of Crisis**

Dear Friends,

Though instructions change daily our current plans for contact from the church are:

- **Weekly newsletter** – containing Collect, Bible Readings and prayers for the week, together with updates and a thought from me. This will be available on the web and a few copies in church.
- **Prayer** – there will be a table in church where you can light a candle, and a prayer box where prayer requests can be left for use in ‘worship’ times. However you must bring your own writing implement. Specific prayer requests can also be sent to me electronically.
- **Private Prayer** - If you wish to sit and pray or read a bible in church you must bring your own – church bibles, hymnbooks and prayer books are no longer available for common use. Please note if you take a copy of the newsletter to use in church you **must** take it away with you.
- **Worship** - We are exploring ways in which we might record the Sunday Communion and possibly special services, so that you can watch at home and feel part of an active congregation.
- **Magazine** – we will need to suspend our magazine production and distribution. However we hope to produce a scaled down version which we can place on line and send to the most isolated members of our church family. Barry will be grateful for material sent on line. Good news stories especially welcome!

I know that many of you are looking out for one another and that there are various support networks in operation locally. ‘Facebook’, ‘Twitter’, ‘What’s App’ can be really helpful and a telephone call can work wonders. May I remind you that you may call me at any time for prayer or a chat, and please let me know if you have any bright ideas about how we might develop our ministry in these difficult times.

Please do refer regularly to the church website [www.stmartinchelsfield.org.uk](http://www.stmartinchelsfield.org.uk) for updates. If you have any pastoral needs, or are anxious and need prayer please contact Rev John at the Rectory on **01689 825749** or [rector@stmartinchelsfield.org.uk](mailto:rector@stmartinchelsfield.org.uk)

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