

MISSION STATEMENT

“We are here to worship God as disciples of Jesus; to welcome, love and serve the community, and to share our faith in God”.

CHURCH CLOSURE

As you all will be aware, the decision has been taken by the URC at national level that all URC churches will close with immediate effect, and for the foreseeable future. This covers worship, meetings and social gatherings – all have been cancelled.

MAINTAINING CONTACT

We have been able to share the Sundaylink with you because we have your email address. Please, if you are able, copy it and give it to a member of the church family without email. If you know one of them does have an email address, please ask them to let Ros have it. Many thanks.

ELDERS' ELECTION

If you haven't already returned your re-issued ballot paper, please keep it in a safe place and bring it with you when our services resume. Thank you.

SALVATION ARMY – FOOD DONATIONS

As a result of the current panic buying witnessed in supermarkets, the Salvation Army is having great difficulty in keeping up their stocks of emergency food for the increasing number of needy folk in Winsford. If you are able to help, please take your donation to the Citadel in Weaver Street on a Monday, Tuesday or Friday between 9.00 and 12 noon, or leave it with Ruth Hatton, 2 Joyce Avenue, who will pass it on to the Salvation Army. Many thanks indeed.

JAM JARS

Ruth is still making jams and preserves, but is running out of jam jars. If you have any that you could let her have, please leave them in her porch. Thank you.

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, OVER

Sunday 22 March, 2020

FAMILY NEWS

Today is Mothering Sunday, so please pray for all mothers especially at a time when they fear for the safety of their families. Also, offer thanks for our own mothers, both those who are still with us and those who are now in God's eternal care.

Please keep in your prayers all those who are sick, lonely, bereaved, depressed or who have personal or family problems.

PRAYER TOPIC

Please pray for folk who are exercising self-isolation and are at home on their own. Please also include those who now have to stay at home because of the socialising restrictions.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

The URC produce Daily Devotions that can be sent to you by email each morning. During the crisis they are also producing a simple Sunday Service. For information: <https://devotions.urc.org.uk/>

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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Today has been declared a National Day of Prayer by Churches Together in England. We are asked to place a lighted candle in our front window at 7,00pm and offer a prayer. Perhaps you could use the prayer written by Revd Dr Jan Berry who lives in Northwich.

*God our refuge,
we seek your protection.*

*Protect the vulnerable from illness:
those who are old and frail,
weakened by years and struggle;
those who care for others,
expending energy and love;
those for whom inability to work
means hardship and poverty.*

*Protect us
from the greed and suspicion
which snatches at our own security
stock-piling and panic-buying
that deprives others of the necessities of life.*

*Protect us from the shortsightedness
which sees the germ in our own eyes
and ignores the plagues
of hunger, war and violence
that take so many lives each day.*

*Protect us from the isolation
that leads to loneliness and despair
denying the interconnectedness
that links us with one another.*

*God our refuge
in our panic and fear
may we not lose sight of our common humanity
that makes us one people in you. Amen.*