

April 2020 News From St Mary the Virgin Church Silchester

We are all concerned by the pandemic that is affecting much of the world, and now our own country is seeing numbers of deaths caused by the coronavirus COVID 19.

The spread of this virus needs to be halted or slowed down, so we have been instructed by our Archbishops to cease all services and home groups or any other non-urgent meeting.

Therefore we will not be meeting in our churches for Sunday services or any other midweek meeting.

We know that this is distressing and understand that some will feel that it is the wrong response, but we have to be guided by the epidemiologists and public health advisors as well as our Bishops.

This does not mean that the church has stopped praying or serving God and our community. We will be praying all the more, and encourage all of you to join us in prayer at the time you would usually go to church.

Our church will remain open in the day, so you can drop in to pray alone in daylight hours.

We will send out regular emails to keep church members up to date and offer some resources to help you pray and manage the concern of those around us.

Please let us know if you or anyone you know needs a phone call or urgent supplies collecting. If feel you might be able to help with either of these please let Rob know (01189700884 07818064923 robwyong101@gmail.com) and we will contact you if needed. Thank you.

Revd Canon Richard Harlow (Rector)

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