Dear Church Family

What a difference a week makes! Last week we were able to tell how the church buildings had been prepared so that you could continue to use them safely. As you have probably seen from the national news our **church buildings are now closed until further notice**.

However the Parish of Goring by Sea is still very much in action. As some of you may not have received our communications last week we are going to repeat some key information.

If you have received a hard copy of this newsletter it is because we do not have your permission to e-mail you. If you do have an e-mail address please could you reconsider giving permission for us to send it to you via e-mail. Permission can be given by e-mail to: **office@goringbyseaparish.org**

**If you have a parish matter that you would like to communicate through this weekly newsletter please send to Gill Keevill (gilliankeevill@me.com) or mobile number: 07715120841.**

**The Parish Office**

- The Parish Office will be closed to visitors until further notice.
- We will continue to monitor e-mails on a daily basis.
- We will check voice mails regularly (a couple of times a week) and a new voicemail message gives the number of the vicarage for emergencies.

**Services**

- Church services remain cancelled. **Baptisms and weddings may no longer take place.** Funerals can take place at the crematorium with immediate relatives.
- To take part in the Live stream services, orders of service (Common Prayer) can be found on a smart phone App: search for Daily Prayer, Church of England. Or on the Church of England website [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org) both Common Prayer and Book of Common Prayer can be found here.

What a joy it has been to worship this week on three occasions when **Fr. Keith was able to Live stream a talk and Morning and Evening Prayer via Facebook**. The response to this has been very positive with both regular worshipers and some new ones as well. In our Parish tradition there has been a balance of traditional and contemporary worship.

Fr. Keith will be Live streaming regularly at the following times:

- **Tuesday.** 18.00 Talk and Evening prayer. BCP
- **Thursday.** 10.00 Talk and Morning Prayer. Common Worship.
- **Sunday.** 10.00 Talk and Morning Prayer. Common Worship.

If you do not have a Facebook account, you can still view the service by logging onto our Facebook page. You will of course need to have the Internet. You can also catch up with the service at a later time.

Facebook: this is the link direct to our page:

[https://www.facebook.com/StMaryAndStLaurenceGoringBySea/](https://www.facebook.com/StMaryAndStLaurenceGoringBySea/)

**Meetings, Prayer and Study groups**

- The Friday Lent group has continued to meet using Skype. Contact Lucinda Cox if you would like to know more about how this has been set up. She has offered to provide assistance where she can to anyone who would like to set up a Skype or WhatsApp group. She can be contacted by email: lucinda.e.m@gmail.com
Planning and administration meetings are continuing, making good use of conventional telephone calls, email and conference calls.

There will be more study and prayer groups to come so please use some of your time to investigate the use of social media, particularly Skype, Zoom, Houseparty, and WhatsApp.

Prayer

Of course we can pray anywhere and at any time to our Heavenly Father who is always there, waiting to talk with us. There is so much out there to help us. Perhaps you are making use of Live Lent and other Church of England publications. Links to these and other ideas and help can be found at:

www.churchofengland.org and www.chichester.anglican.org

Unfortunately we can no longer meet together outside, even by keeping 2 metres apart.

Telephone someone and pray together.

If you have a prayer group that can open to others, or would like to join a group please let Fr. Keith or the Wardens know and they will try and match you up.

Giving

One consequence of not being able to meet together is that we can no longer take a collection at our services. We realise this may be a difficult time for many of you financially. However, if you can give over this time, particularly those who normally give through the collection plate, please consider the following:

1. Joining the Parish Giving Scheme. Ian Hill our Parish Giving Officer will happily talk with you about this and help you set up this regular way of giving. He can be contacted on his mobile number: 07711 696641.

2. Making a donation directly to our bank account by BACS
   Account name: Goring Parochial Church Council
   Bank Code: 20 98 74
   Account Number: 40025496
   Reference. Please use the reference: Cashcoll

3. By cheque made out to: Goring Parochial Church Council and sent to the Parish Office. 16, Ilex Way, Goring by Sea, Worthing, BN12 4UZ.

Pastoral visits

All organised home pastoral visiting is suspended until further notice.

Fr. Keith and others will be carrying out pastoral duties and contact using telephone, email, text messaging etc.

Please let Fr. Keith or the Wardens know if you have a personal pastoral concern or may know of somebody in need.

God Bless.