

Dear Parishioners

I expect you will have heard today's update from the Prime Minister, which in particular advises those in the 70+ age group and other vulnerable people to minimize their physical contact with other people. It also encouraged a further general reduction in physical contact.

In the light of this, and in spite of the fact that we will be holding services tomorrow at St. Andrew's I would urge those of you 70+ and those in immune compromised positions **not to attend church services tomorrow**.

For those of you not aware of yesterday's parish email, following consultation with the Bishops, the Archbishops released a statement with regards to public worship advising that **all public services of worship be suspended following those services being held this coming Sunday 22 March**.

If you do come to church all parishioners are asked to follow the advice in yesterday's parish email and when sitting in the pews ideally maintain a 2-metre physical separation.

Our Vestry will be meeting on Wednesday 25th March to discuss how we as a church will respond to this situation, and I am working on ways in preparation for that meeting. We are a strong church family and we will do everything we can to stay connected and care for each other and as a church extend our ministry out into the wider community the best we can.

In the meantime, we are **starting a Parish Whatsapp group** as one way of keeping digitally connected. If you would like to join this group, please put your name down on the list at the back of the church this Sunday or email to the Parish Office at. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact me or Marjon.

God's Peace & Blessing

Stephen