Good morning dear friends

Things are changing very rapidly and yesterday the Church of England declared that all church public worship, events and gatherings should be suspended with immediate effect. I am very sad about it, but not at all surprised in the current circumstances.

I would stress that THE CHURCH BUILDING IS NOT CLOSED - it will remain open, in daylight hours, for quiet calm and reflection for anyone who wants or needs to find some peace in what is a stressful situation. I will leave some resources out which might help and can provide anything that you might need to support your spiritual well being at this time. You have only to ask. There is plenty of material online and in books - including even participation in full services as many churches now have the technology to 'live stream' and several clergy will do this for their congregations. If you're interested I can provide details.

So to be clear, all services and events are now cancelled until further notice. But do feel able to visit, complying please with the hygiene measures we have introduced, and detailed on notices as you enter. Please also observe social distancing if anyone else is there. There are special instructions regarding funerals, baptisms and weddings; none of which we have booked at present.

The village as always, has risen to the challenge of this difficult situation and over 50 people have volunteered to provide help and support to others when needed. Please do ask if you need anything, are struggling with anything or are just worried or wanting a chat. I am very happy to be the first point of contact and can then put a request out for help or match you to a volunteer. But also please lets look out for our friends and neighbours, check in with people and spread nothing but kindness.

Several people have offered to deliver from the 'Build your own Burger' team who are apparently going to be at the Club from 5.30pm on Friday. If you'd like a delivery let me know and I will sort you a volunteer to take your order and deliver to you.

The village and its people remain in my thoughts and prayers. Please do tell me if you are self-isolating so we can add you to our contact list.

With love

Karen Armbrister

Church Warden

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