

# COVID 19 (CORONAVIRUS)

## PARISH OF ESHER Response, Information & Help

### OUR RESPONSE

Your wellbeing is of the highest importance – which is why, due to the threat of the Coronavirus and a notice from our Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

- There will be no organised public worship or events at Christ Church, Esher or St. George's, West End until further notice.
- Sadly our churches cannot remain open for prayer and reflection.
- We are seeking alternative ways to communicate and engage via the internet.
- There are plans to care for our vulnerable members. With all encouraged to pray and give practical help where safe to do so.

We don't know how long this period of disruption and challenge will last but we know that God is with us and we are all here to support one another.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

#### Public worship and events stop until further notice

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have notified that churches in the Church of England are to stop public worship until further notice. [To read the details click here.](#)

As a result, there will be no organised public worship or events at Christ Church, Esher or at our daughter church, St George's, West End, until further notice.

#### Sadly our church doors cannot remain open

However every Sunday we will podcast services of Holy Communion – with an audio recording and accompanying Order of Service – on our website. And in the weeks ahead we will continue to use every means we can – audio, video and text resources – to facilitate our praying together whilst we are staying physically apart. Regular services may be suspended, but service most definitely continues.

Public worship may be halted, but prayer never ceases. Please [subscribe to our YouTube channel](#) and [follow us on SoundCloud](#) so that you're alerted to all new content.

For further information please refer to our website:

<https://www.esherparish.org.uk/>

or contact the Parish Office:

[office@esherparish.org.uk](mailto:office@esherparish.org.uk) / 01372 462282

## **ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO CONNECT AND KEEP IN TOUCH**

Today's technology, especially the internet, gives us the capability for keeping in touch with email messages and to meet as virtual groups via computers and other digital devices. More details will follow and we will post these on the Parish website so please do check regularly.

## **HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED**

We are committed to doing all that's realistically possible for those in the wider community who are isolated – especially those over 70 and without support and for those families who may be vulnerable at this time as schools need to close.

We will respond to pastoral calls and offer a listening ear, our prayers and signpost you to practical support where we lack the capability ourselves.

Such help can be accessed by emailing the Parish Office at [office@esherparish.org.uk](mailto:office@esherparish.org.uk). This email is monitored when the office is closed.

## **FINALLY**

Try to keep the right perspective.

Without doubt we face a period of social upheaval, challenge and extended financial turmoil. At the same time, God has not changed, he is constantly with us.

*When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy. Psalm 94 v.19*