

## **Letter to Church 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

### **Dear Friends**

Good morning everyone. Trust you are all coping with this strange and challenging time. We send our love to you and hope you are able to find courage and strength in God.

There is quite a lot of news to share with you today but hopefully you will find it all useful:

### **Light a candle of hope: A national call to prayer and action Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

Extract from Letter from the Archbishops:

We have called, along with our fellow church leaders, for a day of prayer and action this coming Sunday - Mothering Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup> March). Mothering Sunday has always been both a day of celebration for many and a sensitive and emotional day for some. Wherever you are this Sunday please do join in this day of prayer and action and remember especially those who are sick or anxious, and all involved in our Health Service. As one action, we are calling on everyone to place a lighted candle in their window at 7.00 p.m. as a sign of solidarity and hope in the light of Christ that can never be extinguished. (Note from Holy Trinity – Please only light your candle in a safe place!)

### **National Broadcast from Justin Welby**

The Archbishop of Canterbury will lead a national broadcast on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March across BBC radio at 8am. The service will be broadcast online, on Radio 4 and on local BCC radio stations.

### **Sunday Service live streaming**

We know there are lots of churches streaming live services on Sunday however we thought it would be good if we could watch the same service together as this will hopefully give us a sense of connection with each other. Holy Trinity Brompton will be broadcasting a service at various times throughout the day. We are suggesting the 9.30 am service for Goodleigh Church and the 11.00 am service for Holy Trinity. Please see the website though for a time that best suits you.

<https://www.htb.org/sundayonline>

### **Freedom Centre Need Volunteers**

Message from Roger Bartlett

“We are extremely keen to keep the Freedom Centre open as long as we possibly can knowing how important it is to those who use us for food, social support and in support of their mental and physical wellbeing. We are making decisions on a day by day basis depending on the staff we have available. We have lost a number of our volunteers because they are vulnerable due to age and underlying health problems. What we would really like to do is increase our resilience and have a larger list of potential volunteers who we may be able to call upon if we are short or indeed as part of our regular rota e.g. on the kitchen team. Anyone who would like to know more can contact me using the contact details in this message.

Many thanks and God bless you. Roger “ [roger@freedomsocialprojects.org.uk](mailto:roger@freedomsocialprojects.org.uk) 07510950408

### **Foodbank are also in need of Volunteers and Food**

Most of the foodbank volunteers are over 70 years. If you can help on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday please call Margaret on 07422 651251. Margaret told me this morning that “ food is flying off the shelf”. If you can help donate food please take it to the Foodbank at St John’s community centre, next to Tesco’s, Rose Lane. The Foodbank is open 10.30 to 1.30 Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

### **Daily teaching**

We also recommend daily teaching from John Mark Comer at Bridgetown church in Portland USA. John Mark spoke at New Wine a couple of years' ago – he is an excellent Bible teacher. <https://bridgetown.church/teaching/>

### **Goodleigh Church open for prayer**

Goodleigh Church is open for prayer during the day time – you are welcome to head over there if you need somewhere quiet to sit and pray.

With our blessings, prayers and continued love to you all.

Shirley and Rachel on behalf of the staff and ministry teams.