

# ST MATTHEW & ST OSWALD'S WITH OVERSLADE

## Coronavirus update March 21st 2020

**To: Members of St Matthew & St Oswald's with Overslade**

Dear Friends,

This is our second mailing since public worship was suspended on Monday. Please forward it to anyone you think might appreciate it.

The issue is focussed on tomorrow's **'National Day of Prayer'**.

There are a number of ways that you can get involved.

1. The Archbishops are leading a service which will be broadcast on BBC Radio 4 at 8.10 am on Sunday, and widely released online after 9am. You can tune into that.
2. Download the prayer sheet from the front page of the website. It is in the same place that you usually get the bulletin.
3. If you are well, and not in the vulnerable group, come and spend some time in church between 10am and midday or 4pm and 6pm. We will be keeping to social distancing guidelines.
4. There will be a rolling PowerPoint playing in church to help you pray. We have turned that same PowerPoint into a 12 minute video which you will be able to find on the website tomorrow.
5. Finally, The Archbishops have encouraged us to put candles in our windows at 7pm. Perhaps use that as a time to either pray as a family using the video or phone a friend and pray with them.

### Church Website

Sunday 29th March - Service of Repentance and Healing

The Sunday after, the 29th March, we have our service of repentance and healing.

So much has gone into preparing for that, including the 40 day fast and the prayer work you have been doing individually over Lent, so we are going to carry on with it, but just do it together, at home.

On Monday we will be posting out to you a specially designed service booklet, and we want to encourage you to take part at 10.30am on Sunday 29th March, so we can all do it together, at home.

The booklet will work on its own, but we will also be putting a video up on the website to lead you through the service. We won't live stream it so that you can easily pause it depending on how quickly you want to go through the prayers, but it will only be up for a few hours – around 10am to 6pm. After that, the line is drawn, and we move forward.

### Website Changes

Lots more things will appear in coming days and weeks, including the possibility of live streaming services, so keep checking back to the website. By Sunday morning there will also be a video up there from the vicarage for you to watch with the latest news and a thought for the day.

### APCM

One other piece of news is that the APCM has been postponed. It will happen in the Autumn (we hope) and all Wardens, PCC members and Deanery synod representatives will remain in post until then.

With our love,

Alan & Jane Hulme

Vicar & Associate Minister

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