



St. Michael's, Kirby

All Saints', Great Holland



St. Michael's and All Saints' Update

Friday 20 March

Dear Friends,

"Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging." Psalm 46v2-3

These verses begin "Therefore". We will not fear, not because we're brave or because we put things to the back of our minds, or because we're not the panicking type, *but because God is our strength and refuge* (v1). Whatever happens, whatever changes come, we know God is unchanging, faithful to his promises and the one who stands, fights and dies for us. Churches are very busy working out how to live-stream and help others – but the biggest difference must be that we are not truly scared of illness, uncertainty, or even death. Our hope is sure and safe in Christ.

Church at Home

There is now a page on our website (stmichaelskirby.org.uk) called **Church At Home**. I will put some resources there for each Sunday – **an order of service to follow, our Bible Card for the week, and a chance to read or listen to our sermon**. We're investigating whether we can even make something available to watch!

If you go to the page you'll also see a link to a **live streamed Daily Prayer** from a fantastic church in Oxford. There is also a collection of **Children's material**.

Open Church and Resources

Our church buildings remain open for prayer (at the moment...). Inside each church there will be an increasing number of things if you, or a friend, are able to get there. I will put in each church copies of our

Church at Home resources, copies of these e-mails, a box for prayer requests, and over the next week – gospel tracts to give away and a collection of books to borrow and read.

Over the next e-mails I will also recommend a number of other resources for you to have a look at.

Helping One Another

We have put in place a system where everyone should at least receive a phone call or contact from another in church once a week.

In addition, please ring others. **The BEST way for our churches to stay in touch is for ALL of us to be in touch with MANY others.**

But sometimes extra help will be needed. A number of people have offered to be of practical help. If you need help, please call the co-ordinator in each church, Bridgette in St. Michael's (861314) or Andy and Vanessa in All Saints (07484 289037).

There is a call to put a lit candle in your window for others to see at 7pm this Sunday as a sign of our Christian hope.

Helping Others

Maybe you've heard of #viralkindness. There are cards available online. The idea is, if you are able, to put cards through the doors of neighbours to offer what help you can.

Our Foodbank collection points remain, now in the porches of both churches.

And finally, Frinton and Walton churches have set up a "Delivery Scheme". More details on Tuesday, but we need leaflets put through doors (they'll be in St. Michael's from Sunday) and offers to be a "deliverer". If you can deliver leaflets please do, and if you'd like to offer to help deliver, please let me know.

Updates continue on Tuesdays and Fridays and are also on stmichaelskirby.org.uk, on the Facebook pages [stmichaelsandallsaints](https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsandallsaints) and [crosswayskirby](https://www.facebook.com/crosswayskirby). There will be a need to pass these on to those without e-mail or internet access. If you discover anyone is not receiving these e-mails who could, please let me know.

In Christ,

