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St George's United Reformed Church, Morpeth

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**It is with some sadness that we will be suspending worship in our church buildings as of Thursday 5 November 2020 in accordance with the latest restrictions issued by the government. These new restrictions allow the church buildings to be open for a few exceptions which include :**

- Funerals (limited to 30 people)
- To broadcast acts of worship
- Individual prayer

At the present time we plan to only open for private prayer during our normal Wednesday lunchtime worship slot, and look to resume worshipping in the building from Sunday 6 December.

## CHURCH LIFE DURING LOCKDOWN

During this time we will continue to provide worship in different forms and to seek new ways of being together in the coming weeks.

**INDIVIDUAL PRAYER** – The church will be open on Wednesdays from 12:15pm – 1:00pm for individual prayer. We will provide resources for those attending to help them pray by themselves during this time.

**ON LINE SERVICES** – we will continue to provide a video each week for Sunday Morning Worship which will be available to watch from 10:30am each Sunday. This can be accessed from our “Morpeth and Area URC” Youtube channel, or can be accessed via our Facebook Page and Website ([www.stgeorgesurcmorpeth.org](http://www.stgeorgesurcmorpeth.org))

**PRINTED SERVICES** – We will also produce a printable version of the service and hope to distribute this to those who require it prior to the Sunday.

**CD RECORDINGS** – We will endeavour also to produce CD recordings of the service for those who have asked for them, however due to the technicalities of this we may not always be able to deliver these prior to the Sunday.

**ZOOM SESSIONS** – Our virtual coffee mornings on Zoom can be joined by anyone who has access to the internet and Zoom. These take place on Friday mornings at 10:30-11:30 and we encourage people to drop in during this time to chat with those who are attending. The meeting ID required for this is 869 3476 2115, and we will endeavour to post a link to this on our Facebook Page and Website as an alternative way to enter the meeting.

**We continue to explore other opportunities for doing things together, and will publicise these as and when they occur.**

**PASTORAL SUPPORT** The lockdown restrictions cause many problems in organising daily life, and if you are facing difficulty then do please contact the minister or your elder in the first instance. We have a team of elders who work alongside the minister in order to support all those who are part of our church family. So, if there are practical things you need help with, questions you have regarding the lockdown, or if you just need someone to chat to, then do please get in touch.

## THANKSGIVING

Despite the problems we face we still have an awful lot to be thankful for, but we will no longer be able to hold our special Thanksgiving Service on 15 November as we originally intended. Our treasurer outlined in the church magazine the financial difficulty faced by our church this year. I would encourage you, if you are able, to consider making a contribution to our THANKSGIVING/GIFT DAY and this can be made directly to the bank, or in the form of a cheque or cash donation. If you would like more information on how to make a contribution please contact the minister or the treasurer to discuss this.

We don't know what the next few months hold in store for us but we press ever onwards, living as faithful citizens of God's Kingdom. *“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present, nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, not anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* Romans 8:38-39. I pray every blessing upon you, Julian