



## **KEEP CONNECTED!**

Dear Parishioner

Social distancing now prevents us from gathering together to worship and/or participate in the activities that take place in our churches and church halls. It also prevents the many organisations that use our buildings from meeting. That means we will have to look for innovative ways of being church together and also to sustain its future.

This first issue of 'Keep Connected' is intended to provide a platform for ongoing communication and support, building on the Parish of Mottingham, St Andrew with St Alban website - [www.standrewandstalban.org.uk](http://www.standrewandstalban.org.uk)

Please keep connected with this website. It is regularly updated with news of our local community, the parish and the Church of England in general. Your comments and contributions will be welcomed (contact details below). If you know people who do not have access to the Internet or aren't able to view online content, please give them this information and keep them involved.

You can also keep connected with a candle. Our Archbishops have invited us to light a candle, starting this evening at 7pm, representing the presence of Jesus in our homes. Take this opportunity to say a prayer:

- Of thanksgiving each day
- Of blessing on our families

- For help wherever it is needed
- For healing and forgiveness

Remember, our two churches will be open on Sundays (St Andrew's from 10am - noon and St Alban's from 11am - noon) for individual prayer and reflection. You can also join Revd Anne Hoad in individual prayer every morning from 8 -9am; you will find the prayer for this here - <https://www.standrewandstalban.org.uk/prayers>. Alternatively, you may wish to take time to reflect here - <https://www.standrewandstalban.org.uk/take-time>.

In closing this first, brief issue I encourage you to listen to two Radio 4 programmes broadcast this morning (22 March).

- 'Sunday Worship' from Lambeth Palace, 22 March 2020 - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000gm8f>
- 'A Point of View' by Michael Morpurgo, 22 March 2020 - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000gc5t>

Lastly, do visit the Church of England website where you will find Coronavirus liturgy and prayer resources here - <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources>

Until the next issue...

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