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Wednesday 4th November 2020

Dear Parishioners

Greetings to you all in the Lord Jesus Christ in All Saints-tide.

As you are probably aware all places of worship have been required to close until at least 2nd December 2020. This means we will close the Minster for public worship until at least Sunday 6th December. St Georges Chapel of the Minster will be open for Private Prayer on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons from 12 noon until 4.00pm.

We are arranging to broadcast Sunday Worship live on both Zoom and YouTube (whichever you prefer) at 9:30am on Sundays. The login number for all our Zoom Services remains unchanged as 883 2976 1518. Once you login you will enter a 'Waiting Room' before being finally connected by the host. There are further details on The Minster Website. Please search 'Wimborne Minster Official' for our YouTube channel and either watch the service live or afterwards at your convenience (there are now many recordings available).

I am aware that some cannot access broadcast worship over the internet and will thus miss worship with us for these next four weeks. I hope you will avail yourself of worship available on television and the radio. I am at home – like all of us, and available to speak to you and pray with you, so please share your concerns with me – or one of our other ministers if you prefer. It is good to talk!

Our Archbishops have written to clergy regarding this further 'lockdown' restriction placed upon society and church alike and have asked us to keep the month of November as a special time of prayer for our nation and the world. This we will continue to do through our Zoom daily prayers at 8:30am and 5:00pm on the Zoom Channel, details as above – please join us!

Our Morning Prayer scripture readings are partly in Revelations, which features the repeated call of, "Let anyone who has an ear to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches." Please consider this request to pray for the nations and for all living on the edge, and for deliverance from this virus. As we enter a second lockdown, here are a few of the Church of England's prayer resources for your use...

Daily Prayer - <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/todays-prayer>

Time to Pray - a short said service of Prayer During the Day as a podcast - <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/subscribe-our-prayer-podcasts>

We are presently updating our telephone contacts list and hoping to have the ability to stay in contact with each other and especially at this time as the ever darker and shortening days remind us of the bleakness of the season. Amidst all the gloom the light of Christ shines, with its message of joy and hope for the world. We are in testing times – I pray that our faith may help to sustain us as we live within the love and protection of God's Holy Spirit.

With every blessing

Yours in Christ, Andrew Rowland, Rector
and Peter Cook & Bruce Jensen, Church Wardens



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