

## Trinity Life in the light of the latest COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Guidance

As we continue to pursue all that God has for us as a church family, we are praying hard for the Holy Spirit's leading and are taking full account of the latest guidance from [Public Health England](#) and the [Church of England](#) - please check here for updates. To also receive a weekly video news bulletin and other direct messages from the Trinity Leadership Team, please make sure you are signed up on ChurchSuite.

At this stage, our immediate priorities are: keeping prayer and worship the heart of everything; making wise arrangements to care for each other and looking for opportunities to be good news in words and actions to those around us.

### Worship & Prayer

- **The most important and powerful gift we have to offer for our loved ones, our church, nation and world is prayer.** Over the next weeks the first call for everyone in the Trinity family is to set aside time every day to ask the Holy Spirit to guide us as we dwell in the presence of God, to direct our thoughts, words and actions, to give us faith to speak life into the face of death and to intercede for others. **Patterns will develop as the Spirit leads the church across the nation, but for now Trinity's invitation is to throw open a window at 12noon and unite for 15 minutes of prayer out across the streets.** Each morning we will also be sending out a short email through ChurchSuite with key prayer points for you to include in your personal prayers.
- For the foreseeable future, **we will not be able to gather for worship and prayer together in the church building on Sundays.** Instead we invite you to gather from home by **joining us for a livestream of worship, teaching and prayers** through our website. You will be able to click on the homepage button at 10:00am or watch the recording later. We'll start small but as we pray 'Come, Holy Spirit', we look forward to growing the ways we can interact especially in prayer, sections for families worshipping together and specific resources for youth and for kids.
- For **general prayer needs** that can be shared through our public network of prayer warriors please use [prayermail@trinitycheltenham.com](mailto:prayermail@trinitycheltenham.com)
- To **share testimonies and stories to encourage us all** please use [goodnews@trinitycheltenham.com](mailto:goodnews@trinitycheltenham.com)
- For **resources to use extra time at home to grow in personal prayer, reading the Bible and connecting with God**, please see the [Walking with God](#) section of our website. At the moment resources are relatively limited but in these new circumstances, we will be devoting team time to add more for adults, youth and kids. We would love to share your ideas and recommendations - please email [walkingwithgod@trinitycheltenham.com](mailto:walkingwithgod@trinitycheltenham.com)

## Caring wisely for everyone in the Trinity church family

- Sadly, **we have had to suspend all our midweek groups and gatherings** but God hasn't stopped calling and equipping us to care and serve. Each group and ministry is working out the best ways of doing this and will be in touch. **Please call the church office if you need help getting connected.**
- **LifeGroups** - given the variety of types of groups and the ways in which different groups already do community together, **we are asking each group to work out the most sensible arrangements for keeping in fellowship, taking full account of the latest guidance on gatherings, social distancing and self-isolation for all who are vulnerable.** Life Groups have an absolutely essential role to play over the coming weeks in spiritual and practical care and in being good news to others. It is going to take a lot of creativity but the Holy Spirit will be our inspiration and guide. As a starting point, we are asking all groups to ensure they have a network of prayer partners for regular contact and support but we can also share wisdom on how to use technology to meet virtually and other ideas. Please contact [life.groups@trinitycheltenham.com](mailto:life.groups@trinitycheltenham.com) if you have questions or things to share.
- If you are not in a Life Group, **please let us know if you are ill or having to self-isolate** and especially if you have no-one to help you or obtain supplies. Please contact [info@trinitycheltenham.com](mailto:info@trinitycheltenham.com) or ring the church office on 01242 808780

## Being Good news

In the face of so much fear and uncertainty, we have an amazing opportunity to speak and to live out the love of Jesus:

- We actively encourage every member of Trinity to **make contact with people where you live** to see how you can offer hope, prayer and practical help, especially to the lonely, elderly and vulnerable. **Many of our Life Groups are coordinating around needs identified by their members - please let us know if we can help with advice and sharing ideas.**
- If you or anyone you know needs the **practical provision of food or other urgent supplies** please contact [info@trinitycheltenham.com](mailto:info@trinitycheltenham.com) or ring the church office on 01242 808780. On Mondays and Fridays the **'King's Table' team will be serving take-away meals from the Winchcombe Street side of Trinity House between 12-1pm. We are also giving out food parcels - please don't be too proud to ask if you need this help** . If you need **financial advice** our Money Ministry team can help, please contact [moneymatters@trinitycheltenham.com](mailto:moneymatters@trinitycheltenham.com)
- If you want to help others. **Food donations** can be dropped off outside the Trinity Lane entrance to Trinity House during office hours. **Financial donations** for Trinity to use in supporting those in need can be made through our the Give page on our website by selecting 'Transform Ministries' under the options for regular giving or via direct BACS transfer, please using this purpose in the reference. **If you might be able to help by serving on a team** (and have no health needs or are in contact with anyone who could be vulnerable) please contact [info@trinitycheltenham.com](mailto:info@trinitycheltenham.com) However, please note that teams are being kept to the minimum numbers required.