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Hello everyone,

I write this on another grey January morning when any of us might look out of the window and feel rather grey ourselves, but I've just finished Morning Prayer where we thanked God for the 'Light that overcomes the darkness' every time, no matter how dark the darkness is, no matter how long it seems to go on for. That is the faith and the hope that we have, isn't it? That in the midst of darkness, we have a Light that never goes out, never flickers or lessens, but that always guides us, gives us comfort, and gives us hope: Jesus Christ.

Last week I mentioned that we had a Team PCC meeting on Thursday 7th January to decide whether or not we felt it was safe to open our church buildings for prayer and worship. The 4 joint PCCs voted unanimously to close the buildings for a time, for all services, for the safety of our church members and the communities, and to support the NHS. This applies to Sundays and mid week services, and also to being open for private prayer.

I know that this will come as a disappointment to some of you, and I am sorry for that, but I hope that you will see the reasoning behind the decision and I would like to assure you that we will be constantly reviewing the situation. As soon as it is safe for us to do so, we will re-open the buildings for services.

In the meantime, resources will continue to come through the post to you, and we are looking at developing a 'Phone-in' service where you have the option to join a service led over the phone. We would also like to offer a dvd of recorded services to those that would like it. This might include, amongst other things, a recorded Eucharist and a recording of Zoom Church. Once we've looked into the technology of producing this, we will ask you to 'order' one (free of charge, but it would help to know who would like one)

Look out for details!

We know that for many of you the uncertainty and anxiety about lockdown restrictions and health continues. We want to continue to remind you that we are here for you. If you need a chat, prayer, or some practical help then do reach out – either by phoning 01432 273086 or by contacting your Pastoral Coordinator.

We hope these resources help you feel connected as we worship as a scattered Church. Please be assured that you are not forgotten and that you are remembered in our prayers.

God Bless,

Ruth and Jo