



To all of our Church members, Parish and Visitors,

Paul, Sally and I are writing to you in a way which we never thought we would, but we are living in extraordinary times with the Covid-19 outbreak.

In the light of the health advice now available and the specific question in parliament about faith groups meeting: <https://youtu.be/Ubm2aLpmlwU> we have taken the very difficult step of suspending all gatherings, including LIFE groups, Sunday worship and social meetings until we are advised otherwise. This includes all ages within our community from babies and their parents, through children, youth and older adults. We acknowledge how unsettling this decision is.

Instead we are working hard on how we might continue to support, encourage and promote the life of our community and its witness and worship in new and innovative ways. We shall be emailing out later in the week with the fruit of our labours on how we might live in the 'new land'.

This reminds me of the question in Psalm 137 vs 4 'How can we sing the songs of Lord while in a foreign land?' The people of God did then, and we shall again find new ways of loving and worshipping and serving our wider community while we sojourn for a while in this unusual place.

In the mean-time can I assure you of our prayers and ask you to pray for:

1. The life of our community
2. Your neighbours and friends
3. Our witness at this time of trial

If you need practical help or would like to receive a friendly weekly call via our new Phone Club OR
If you would like to help either by making phone calls or by helping those who are isolated, please contact Sally 0208 224 7360 or sallyt@saintpauls.co.uk

God Bless

Martin, Paul and Sally

The Senior Clergy Team