

## Coronavirus Response

Updated May 2020

We are currently not able to meet together and the church buildings are all closed until further notice.

Although the building may be closed – the church remains very much alive!

Here is an outline of how we are staying connected and continuing in our mission and ministry to the community.

### Sunday Services on Youtube

We are broadcasting services each Sunday on the 'St Johns Church, Weymouth' channel. These include:

**Family Worship. 9.45am.** A short time of worship for young children and their families.

**Morning Worship. 10am.** Worship, teaching and prayer led by various members of the church.

**Ignite Youth Session. 10.45am.** A short session with games, Bible study and worship for children in school years 5-9.

There is also an encouraging 'Midweek Message' uploaded each week.

Here is the link to our channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCa8e1KGOL8CIWxyALcxDXMw/video>

### Social media.

We are using the church facebook page to keep in touch, share articles and links to useful resources. The page can be found here.

<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsweymouth/>

There is also a facebook group and two WhatsApp groups. For more information about joining these groups please email: [vicar@stjohnsweymouth.co.uk](mailto:vicar@stjohnsweymouth.co.uk)

### Zoom Meetings

We are meeting using Zoom. Our regular Zoom meetings are:

Morning Prayer: Wednesdays 9am.

Sundays: 'A Zoom with a Brew.' 10.40am – following Morning Worship.

Small groups and other church meetings are also taking place on Zoom

For information on how to join our Zoom meetings please email:

[vicar@stjohnsweymouth.co.uk](mailto:vicar@stjohnsweymouth.co.uk)

### Dial – a – Sermon

A weekly Bible reading and reflection is available on a local phone number – particularly with those who are not online in mind. Calls are charged at the local rate.

To hear the weekly reflection call: **01305 237307**

**Jottings:** We continue to produce a monthly edition of Jottings with letters, testimonies, encouraging articles and church news. This is emailed widely and posted to those who do not use email.

**Food Bank.** In these times of acute need we continue to collect for Weymouth Food Bank. Donations of food can be left in the Collection box outside Tony and Diane Blackwell's house – Tyneham, Littlemoor Road, Weymouth. DT3 5PA

**Pastoral Care.**

We all share the responsibility to care for each other – especially during these challenging times. Our team of Lay Pastoral Assistants and the Church leaders are in regular contact with people and supporting those who are vulnerable and isolated. Pastoral needs and concerns can be shared with our Team Leader, Diane Blackwell on 01305 816981.

**Care in the Community**

Refresh (The Church in Weymouth & Portland) and Weymouth Town Council are working together to provide practical care in the community.

If you, or someone you know is in need then you can get assistance by calling the following number: 01305 265893

We hope that all of the above will enable you to stay connected with the church and community at this challenging time.

If you are in need – then please get in touch.

Yours

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