

**Notice regarding worship at St Peter's in the light of the Prime Minister's announcement on 4<sup>th</sup> January:**

On Monday evening the Prime Minister instructed people in England to stay at home and only go out for essential reasons, with schools moving to online learning for all but vulnerable and keyworker children. These and additional measures to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus became law today.

Communal worship remains permitted in law in places where it can be safely carried out. However, given that the virus is spreading exponentially we have taken the difficult decision to temporarily suspend worship in church for the remainder of January with immediate effect. We will review this suspension of worship later this month.

We understand how important it is to physically come to church and worship with others, and recognise some will be saddened by this decision. Nevertheless, we feel this action best supports our brave NHS workers by reducing the risk of spreading the infection through church family, especially in this critical time when much resource is needed for the vaccine rollout. We also wish to show solidarity with our neighbours, businesses and other organisations suffering the full effects of lockdown.

Worship and prayer will continue online.

Please rest assured of our prayers and availability during this difficult time.

Kip Crooks

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