

## **St. Peter's - Letter to parishioners**

### **A letter from the Churchwardens**

Dear Friends

As Churchwardens, we wanted to keep in touch with you all and, in the absence of the APCM (which would have been held on 28 April), keep you informed as to what is going on in the parish.

Firstly, however, we hope that you are keeping safe and well in these very uncertain times.

Hopefully, you will have seen the pastoral letters that Kip has issued on a regular basis over recent weeks. We are grateful to Kip for writing these important letters and trust that they have enabled you to gain support and encouragement.

Whilst St Peter's congregation cannot physically meet, the role and mission of the church in our community has never been more important, and there is a lot of activity going on:

- Funerals
- Community support
- Maintenance of the church and its buildings
- Youth work

Kip, the Wardens and members of the Church Fabric and Finance Committee are meeting at regular intervals and we are keeping the PCC, which is the Trustee body of the Parish, updated. Church finances, including our cost base, are being kept under regular review and we are indebted to our Treasurer, Helen Winsland, for ensuring that financial information is prepared accurately and on a timely basis.

We continue to monitor advice issued by the Church of England and by the Government and will open the church as soon as it is safe to do so.

We are very grateful to all members of the Parish who have continued to support the Parish financially using the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). Whilst appreciating that we all have ongoing financial uncertainty at the moment, we do ask that you keep your Parish giving under review, including the possibility of making one-off gifts, so that we are able to maintain the level of activity noted above. Helen has very helpfully put up a presentation of the parish finances on to the website.

With best wishes and God's blessing

Brian and Terry

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