

# ***St Peter's Church, Woolton***

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Dear friends

Much has happened in the last 5 days since my last letter – our church buildings are now firmly closed and we are all being encouraged to stay at home as much as we are able, and for some of us this will be for 12 weeks. There are wonderful stories being shared about the care, kindness and love being shown between family members, friends, neighbours and complete strangers - and of course this is particularly when we consider the amazing self-sacrifice of those working on the frontline in so many different roles. Let's continue to look for the good news in the bad, and have thankful hearts, tuned into God.

At this time, it is understandable if we feel fearful but we can be encouraged through the scriptures to choose faith over fear. In the Bible, when Joshua faced a daunting challenge and being in new territory, he heard God say, 'This is my command: be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you.' (Joshua 1.9)

God understands our fears but with honesty, by reading God's word, praying and while growing closer together though standing apart, we'll know God's gift of courage to face all with confidence in God who is with us.

At St Peter's the staff team are working hard to try and ensure everyone, especially those on their own, or with a particular need, is kept in contact with. However, we are all church family, and this is something each of us can be a part of. Many of us have a wide circle of friends and contacts. Can I encourage you to phone, email, message or post a card to those whom you can think of – especially if they suddenly come to mind. In addition, let's pray for all those we would normally come into contact with in our normal day to day life.

You can find some more guidance on contacting people, and prayers you can use by following this link on our website: [www.stpeters-woolton.org.uk/resources-for-worshipping-at-home](http://www.stpeters-woolton.org.uk/resources-for-worshipping-at-home)

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This comes with my love and prayers

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