



Pews News 22nd March

Jesus said "love your neighbour as yourself".

During these times we should all be setting the example of the good Samaritans before us and encourage others to do the same. We hope that through these email Pews News we can help support not only the congregation on email, but those without such access and also our physical neighbours.

It would be a great help if you know congregation around you who would benefit from a printed sheet. If you cannot print this for them please let me know and we will see what we can do. Also please tell people you know about this email so they can sign up, there is a link at the bottom to do this. There are also links to St. Mary's Facebook and Web Page which also have further information.

Traidcraft

We have stock on the Fairtrade stall and are happy to make deliveries in the current circumstances. We also have catalogues available and will take orders. Traidcraft are planning to continue trading but as their business is reliant on church stalls and catering this is likely to be a challenging period. Even if you don't wish to order anything please keep the staff in your prayers.

Contact Andrew and Shelly for more information or to order - 217261

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Putnoe Prayer Room

Putnoe Heights Church has set up a new Facebook Group - 'The Putnoe Prayer Room' where you can share prayers that you have found or written, along with prayer requests. This is a private group which means only members can see the posts. It's not just for the Putnoe Heights congregation and they would like to warmly invite all North Bedford Churches Together friends who are on Facebook to join.

[Click here for link to the prayer group](#)

or it can be found by going to the Putnoe Church Facebook page (@PutnoeChurch) and clicking on the groups option in the menu.

Do you need help?

If you need help with shopping etc please let us know and we will try and help. We have a couple of people who have offered to help, but they cannot magic shop supplies the shops do not have. Please call Rev Simon 351920 who will put you in touch with them.

UK Church Online

is a resource being out together that you might find helpful-let me know what you think.

[Click for UK Church Online](#)

Prayers

If you have a prayer request do let me know by phone (Rev Simon 351920) or email or letter. I hope that we will be able to arrange for the church to be open for private prayer in the coming weeks. We will keep you informed asap. If you just want a chat or have a concern give me a call as well.

Daily Prayer

During self-isolation people are being encouraged to set themselves a routine to help with mental well-being.

I would like to encourage you in your prayer routine and maybe encourage you to try the routine of Daily Prayer as organised by the Church of England. You can download an App for your phone just search for "Daily Prayer from the CofE". I will be using this each morning at 9.00 am. On a computer the same Daily Prayer can be found at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>