



CORONAVIRUS

OUR RESPONSE

Your wellbeing is of the highest importance – which is why, due to the threat of the Coronavirus and notice from our Archbishops –

- There will be no organised public worship or events at Holy Trinity Claygate until further notice.
- Our doors at Holy Trinity are remaining open for prayer and reflection.
- We are seeking alternative ways to communicate and engage via the internet.
- There are plans to care for our vulnerable members. With all encouraged to pray and give practical help where safe to do so.

We don't know the length of this 'storm'. But we know Jesus is with us – the one able to still the storm and bring inner peace at times of fear.

MORE INFORMATION

Public worship and events stop until further notice

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have notified that churches in the Church of England are to stop public worship until further notice. To read the details [click here](#).

As a result, there will be no organised public worship or events at Holy Trinity Claygate until further notice.

Our doors will remain open

As long as we are disciplined regarding social distancing - our doors at Holy Trinity are remaining open for prayer and reflection. We therefore will maintain our church as a 'sanctuary' for people to pop in and pray.

This is also true of The Church of The Holy Name, the Roman Catholic Church in Arbrook Lane if that is easier for you to get to.

As soon as our opening times are agreed, they will be published on our website, on the church noticeboard, on Church Road and in other ways.



Alternative ways to connect

Today's technology, especially the internet, gives us the capability for 'live streaming' messages and to meet as virtual groups via computers and other digital devices. More details will follow.

Help for those in need

We are committed to doing all that's realistically possible for those in the wider community who are isolated – especially those over 70 and without support.

We will respond to pastoral calls and offer a listening ear, our prayers and signpost callers to practical support where we lack the capability ourselves.

Such help can be accessed by email at care@htclaygate.org or via our new community care line number 07598 029449.

Catching up on sermons

It is still possible to be spiritually refreshed and encouraged by tapping in to past sermons. They are easy to access in the following ways –

- The four most recent sermons can be found under the Catch Up section on the website's home page.
- Older sermons can be found [here](#) where each sermon is stored as a Playlist.
- For those who use podcast, they are listed within the Apple podcasts app – search for Holy Trinity Claygate. Or use the podcast software to subscribe to all our talks with this [link](#).

Keep the right perspective

Without doubt we face a season of social upheaval and extended financial turmoil. At the same time, God has not changed.

Therefore, this is not a time for fear but for confidence in the God who saves and helps. A time to face the challenges but not for being afraid.

A time to hold onto the truths expressed in Psalm 46:

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear.
He says, 'Be still and know that I am God.'
The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."