



Lockdown Update Thursday 2nd April 2020

Dear all,

I did a brief reflection over the phone to go out on Cross Rhythms Radio earlier this week, and found myself using the phrase 'Space within the space'. By this I was thinking about the huge empty extra space we all find ourselves in and how we must try to find space to be with God in the midst of it all. For many of us this is in the routines of the day, getting up, meal times, even the daily press conference from number 10. For others it includes working – either from home or going out to work, offten on the 'frontline'. And for still others, there are the addition of children at home, with various demands and interruptions, plus school work too. But for each and every one of us in this season, God is calling us to a renewed sense of finding space for Him. What is he saying right now? What is he asking of us? What are we asking from him? I am praying for you all to be in a place of finding that space, and encountering God in it.

Practically, as always, please let us know if you are in any need, practically or financially or indeed if you'd just like a chat.

PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Our Easter serices are going to look very different this year, but we're determined to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus all the same! Our services, resources and reflections will be live on Facebook, uploaded to YouTube and linked from our Website as well as emailed out as well. We're really conscious of those not on email or the internet and for you we've provided a number of resources to aid you in your worship from home.

Palm Sunday Service – 10:30am: Bring your home-made palm branch!

Maundy Thursday informal last supper – 7pm: Have some bread and wine/Ribena

Good Friday Reflections – Midday: Beginning with the Lord's prayer

Easter Sunday Service – 10:30am

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Each week Sarah is producing a Children's activity session including story, craft and worship – these will be uploaded to YouTube and linked on Facebook and by email.

For Good Friday, there will be a session provided but Easter day will be more interactive /All-age focussed.

WORSHIP

We've also put together some playlists on YouTube (links on our website) of worship songs for both adults and children, for you to use in your own times of worship both on a Sunday and during the week. Please let us know if there's any particular songs we might use our next playlist!

COMMUNICATION

We are in the process of updating our methods of communication and including a texting service too. Please could you let us know your email address if you have one and your mobile number if you are happy to be on a text information list. You can do so via email to office@standrewssneydgreen.com or text me on 07579 795328.

We are trying to ensure that we are checking up on everyone and this is happening through Growth Groups too so do stay in touch with your Growth Group leader. If you're not in a Growth Group, one of us will be in touch to see how you are.

Please know that we are praying for you,

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