



## Lockdown Update Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear all,

I hope you are all doing ok in light of the lockdown and staying safe and well. If you need food delivering or anything else, please let us know. We are acutely aware that there are a number of people we know who are working hard on the front line of this outbreak - in health services, pharmacies, schools, supermarkets, care homes and other places too. Please continue to hold each of these in prayer, for protection, wisdom and provision of protective equipment and testing to be swift. If you are working as a key worker at the moment, please do let us know so we can pray.

I'm really struck by how peaceful it is around the vicarage at the moment, Granville Avenue is very quiet and there's little background noise going on. We can often hear the children playing on their lunch break at Sneyd Academy but everything is quiet. We are entering a time of pause, 'Selah' and this gives us an opportunity to reflect on God, on his faithfulness and goodness. Somebody pointed out to me yesterday that in the UK we are heading into Spring and the sunshine is some comfort in the restrictions to stay at home - but in many places also in lockdown, such as New Zealand and South America, they are heading into longer nights and colder days as winter approaches. We have so much to be grateful for.

### COMMUNION

Communion is the meal that Jesus instituted that he asked us to share in his memory. One of the meanings of the word 'communion' is to share together our thoughts and feelings. At this time sharing together our thoughts and feelings has never been more important to ensure we remember there are other people who love us and Jesus. We invite you to share the meal with us **this evening at 8pm** live on Facebook. If you would like to have a piece of bread and cup of wine or grape juice (or blackcurrant squash!) available to share with us, that would be great.

### SUNDAY SERVICE & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

This Sunday we are going to be live streaming our service again at 10:30am and we'd love you to join us if possible. As before, you can access it through [www.facebook.com/standrewssg](http://www.facebook.com/standrewssg)

Sarah has also produced a half-hour activity time for parents to access on behalf of their Children – this will be uploaded onto our YouTube channel and we'll update everyone when it is ready.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As we mentioned before, please join us in praying the Lord's prayer each day at midday – to remind us that we are one family and can be united in prayer throughout this time. On occasion, this may be live on Facebook too so keep an eye out for alerts.

Please know that we are praying for you,

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