

# ST PETER'S PARKSTONE



**FOCUSED ON GOD - SPEAKING OF JESUS - CARING ABOUT PEOPLE**

**Sunday 8th November: 3rd Sunday before Advent - Remembrance Sunday**

New National Restrictions from Thursday 5 November until Wednesday 2 December (last updated 3 November 2020):

To reduce social contact, the Government has ordered certain businesses and venues to close or restrict how they provide goods and services. These include: places of worship, apart from for the purposes of independent prayer, and service broadcasting and funerals.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, together with the Bishop of London, have joined national faith leaders in calling on the Government to permit public worship. In a letter to the Prime Minister, the faith leaders set out the critical role that faith plays in moments of tremendous crisis, and believe public worship is essential. They conclude: *"We call on the government to recognise and support this, and enable us to continue to worship safely, as part of the essential fabric of the nation."*

At the time of writing, and to abide by the latest restrictions, St Peter's Church has to suspend public worship until we are permitted to resume in our beautiful building. Therefore, worship will continue to be offered:

At 10am on Sunday on Facebook and YouTube. There will also be an act of remembrance taking place online after this Sunday's service. A copy of the service book for you to use will be on St Peter's website.

At 11.30am on Sunday we will also be offering 'coffee over Zoom' to support our fellowship with each other.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 10am and 12pm St Peter's Church will be open for private prayer.

On behalf of the churchwardens and the ministry team, please do get in touch if you have any specific physical or pastoral needs. In Saint Paul's letter to the Romans, he exhorts us to *"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."* So, may we all be there for each other during this difficult time.

Yours in Christ,  
Revd Mike.

### **Collect for the Third Sunday Before Advent**

Almighty Father,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of all:  
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,  
and bring the families of the nations,  
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Mission Prayer for this week**

Our theme for prayer this month is remembrance. We give thanks for the sacrifice of those who gave their lives or health for our freedom. We remember those who would normally attend a service of remembrance but cannot this year because of Covid-19. We also remember all those involved in service to their fellow man either in the Armed Services or in a civilian capacity. Let us give thanks for their commitment and very hard work and trust them to your safekeeping.



### **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2020**

Donations can be made on-line at [www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk)

### **Firewood Available**

If you have a wood burner or open fire and need some logs for the winter, we have plenty available in the churchyard. For more information please contact Jenny Hastrop on 07970 49802