

23/03/20 (evening)

Dear all

I am sure you will have heard the announcement from the Prime Minister.

We have just been informed by the Archbishops that all churches are to shut with immediate effect. All baptisms and weddings are cancelled until further notice. The only services allowed will be funerals at gravesides or crematoria and only then under strict restrictions.

I will be keeping in touch by phone and email, and offering a variety of resources for you. I will also be continuing to say the daily offices and holding DSJ and you all in my prayers.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

*Compline, The Book of Common Prayer, USA*

Keep safe, and God bless you.

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