

Dear friends

I hope you are all keeping well and safe in these difficult and troubling times. As you will probably have heard, the government yesterday announced a tighter set of lockdown restrictions to come into effect on Thursday of this week. For churches, this means that although they are permitted to be open for private prayer and for funerals, public worship will not be allowed for these next few weeks. I am grateful that there is at least now some clarity on this situation, although it will clearly be a source of disappointment to many. In particular, it is a shame that we will not be able to hold even a small-scale Remembrance Sunday service, but I am intending to open Kingsbury Church next Sunday morning for a short period during which wreaths may be laid at the war memorial. For the most part, we shall however be offering our prayers and worship at home, and so I am attaching again the booklet I produced for "A Time to Remember"; please let me know if you would like me to deliver a printed copy of this booklet.

Today and tomorrow we are holding services in which we commemorate those who have died. Due to the limited numbers allowed in church, the services at Baxterley this afternoon and at Kingsbury tomorrow are by prior booking only; there are still a few spaces available, so let me know asap if you would like to attend. If coming to Baxterley, please park in the field nearest to the road - I don't want anyone following my mishap a week ago of getting their car stuck in the mud and needing the assistance of a wonderful local farmer! The reflection that I will be offering at these services will appear on the website and Facebook page tomorrow.

I am not attaching a newsletter this time; unfortunately, the government announcement yesterday evening rendered almost all of it out of date! However, do please pray for Kenneth and Christine, who are to be married this week. Their wedding will be two days earlier than planned, as what would have been just a rehearsal on Tuesday morning will now become the real thing!

Please be assured of my continuing prayers, as we face all that the coming weeks may bring.

Blessings

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