

**To all Friends of Christ Church, West Wimbledon:
MICHAEL'S MESSAGES NEWSLETTER 18**

THE NEWS THAT CHURCHES MAY OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER has been well publicised and you will want to know what we have decided to do at Christ Church. After consulting the Church Council – and thank you to them for their helpful and constructive suggestions – I have decided to open Christ Church for quiet prayer **EVERY TUESDAY MORNING FROM 10am till 12 noon.** I will be supervising the opening and closing for the time being. While it is absolutely true that you can pray anywhere, and even though the church is not normally open during the week, I think that, in these present times, some people will be glad of the chance to call in for some quiet space, prayer and the opportunity to light a candle. Thank you to Liz Errington and some of our cleaners who have been in this week to give the church a bit of a deep clean after three months closure. With the sensible precautions outlined below, it will not be necessary to do a thorough clean of the church after each Tuesday's use.

A FEW PRECAUTIONS WHILE IN THE CHURCH:

- Please do **NOT** come to the church if you are still self-isolating or are displaying any symptoms of the coronavirus.
- Please use the entrance to the church opposite the side of the hall.
- Please use the hand sanitizer as you enter and as you leave the church.
- Please do sit wherever you feel comfortable, while observing the notices indicating where sitting is not at present permitted (every other pew row).
- Please do take a copy of some suggested prayers and please do take this home with you, as they cannot be reused by others.
- Please avoid unnecessary touching of the furniture/books where possible.
- Please keep 2 metres away from other people.
- Please bring your own Bible or prayer book if you wish.
- Please do light a candle if you wish.
- If any children come in to the church, they will not be able to use the Children's Corner or the Truman Room.

After people have been in the church, I will wipe down any obvious surfaces and door handles and the church building will then be closed.

With my continuing best wishes, thoughts and prayers for you all,
Michael Burns

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NB: If you wish to go into the church at other times to pray, please do give me a ring and I will see what can be arranged.