

# St Anne's Parish Church, West Heath



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Dear Brothers and sisters at St Anne's.

I hope this letter, with my love and prayers, finds you all well as we live through these very confusing and anxious times.

Yesterday **the Archbishops suspended all Public Worship until further notice** although clergy will continue with Morning and Evening Prayer (If it's tradition to do it) and Eucharists, but we are also encouraged to keep churches open for prayer whilst observing social distancing and hygiene.

I, with the other leaders, am working out what this will actually mean in practice for St Anne's including exploring conference calling into a service. Further up-to-date episcopal guidance will follow.

We are also being encouraged to 'do church differently' so for a starter I put a short video Fr Stuart created for the Lent course last and this week <https://www.stannewestheath.org/lent-course> (click on this link). We are keeping the website as up to date as we can, but it is like trying to hit a moving target at the moment.

In addition to that, our church leadership team (Revd Stuart the retired priest, Ian the lay reader, Chrissie the churchwarden, and Revd Paul the priest in charge), has set the WhatsApp discussion room to deal with all the matters at our hands without a physical gathering, and also our Lay Pastoral Team has organised the groups of people with a leader(s) in order to effectively look after our brothers and sisters who are vulnerable in this crisis.

Now I made a list showing who is who in areas of dealing responsibilities as follow:

- **Stuart Kimber:** Responsible for **all the online biblical courses and lessons** which currently run, and which will be running in near future.
- **Ian Bradly:** Sharing Responsibility with Fr Paul for **all the liturgical matters including organising worship services**, possibly online, particularly for Holy Week and Easter, and for **organising online APCM procedure** without a physical gathering.
- **Christine Price:** Responsible for **all the church fabric matters** with the help from Georgina the Treasurer.
- **Janet Bradly:** Responsible for **caring vulnerable people** within our church first and in our community widely with the help from the Lay Pastoral Team.
- **Elaine Sparey:** Responsible for **'Food Parcel'** which we release to those who are in need every Thursday and Saturday (between 11.15 am and 12.15 pm). Without doubt, now we need more food than ever, so please buy some extra food and bring it if you can on Thursday and Saturday (Between 10.45 am and 11.15 am) or when you have some food to share but cannot bring them to the church, please email to [stanneswestheath@gmail.com](mailto:stanneswestheath@gmail.com).

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- **Charitas Cho**: Responsible for **uploading essential information onto our website** ([www.stanneswestheath.org](http://www.stanneswestheath.org))
- **Paul Cho**: Responsible for **overseeing all operations happening now** and for **dealing with any emergency to be happened** within St Anne's church with the appropriate bodies, such as the Birmingham diocese and the emergency services.

As you know, I am working as part time based, but in this crisis, I will try my best to handle the matters at our hands without any workday barriers. Having said that, please be aware that I'm struggling to keep up with the quantity of my workload from my own work and church. So, apologies for any slowness of replies to your calls or emails unless I see it as a real emergency.

I will be in touch with Church Leadership Team and Pastoral Caring Team and also let you know of people within St Anne's whom you may phone or email if anxious. Also, every morning in my Quiet Time, I will pray for all of you by name with a candle lit.

May God Bless you all and may you keep spiritually as well as physically fit until we meet again.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Paul Cho

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