



St. Cuthbert's Scottish Episcopal Church  
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Dear Friends,

This morning the College of Bishops announced the cessation of all public services and group meetings until further notice.

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/coronavirus-updates/>

This does not mean the life and ministry of St. Cuthbert's stops. Our faith is one of hope and as we journey through Lent and approach the resurrection, I trust we will find ways to live out this hope, and live out the greatest commandment of all, to love God and love our neighbour as ourselves.

Enclosed with this letter is a prayer card for yourselves. I hope that many will stop at noon to pray together and remember our church family far and wide.

There are also sheets offering help to your neighbours. If you are in a position to help your neighbour, please pop the white sheet through their door, deleting those things you cannot do. They too have a prayer and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, who knows what seeds will be sown.

These are times of uncertainty that probably none of us have experienced before and emotions will be varied. We will all be wondering what else we can do. In the words of the Archbishop of Canterbury "the thing about having hope, faith and courage is that although they are gifts from God, we can do our bit to nurture them. We can take time to sit quietly and pray, letting God know about those things that are on our hearts and minds. When we do that, we make that connection with God that nourishes and sustains us."

If you would like to join in the Episcopal Church daily offices, they can be found at <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/spirituality/prayer/daily-offices/>

Sunday orders of services will be emailed to those who have given email addresses and posted to those who usually attend church but have no internet access.

I am unsure whether there will be an April magazine but we will endeavour to keep you updated with information when we can. Don't forget to check our website and social media too.

Kindest regards.

Revd Nicki McNelly

Rector