Dear Friends,

Welcome to everyone who is new to this e-letter, we keep discovering
emails for church members! This goes out to 97 households connected to
St. James, and 30+ in the St. Peters family.

\*1) Worship\*. Sunday worship will be live from the parish YouTube
channel (link below). Thank you to everyone who joined us last Sunday, it
was amazing to have a sense of still being a church family, through
seeing how many were watching and the comments posted during the service.

We are producing a ‘worship at home’ resource, which should be ready
next week. This will have formats for daily prayer (morning and night),
the orders of service we’ll be using on Sundays both for communion and
morning prayer/family service, and some other resources for prayer. For
folk who aren’t on email, we will be home delivering copies of ‘Daily
Bread’, a daily bible reading resource covering April-June, along with
Palm Crosses ready for Palm Sunday. We will also send it out by email to
everyone on this list, and make it available on the church websites.

2)Here’s a few \*links\* you might find helpful

\*Virtual St James/St Peters\*, special new section of our church
websites, which has links to all our podcasts and webcasts, and will
have the Sunday worship liturgy posted each week so that you can join in
from wherever you are.
[http://www.stjamesyeovil.org.uk/http://www.stpeters-yeovil.org.uk/](http://www.stjamesyeovil.org.uk/http%3A/www.stpeters-yeovil.org.uk/)

\*Preston Plucknett Youtube channel\*, where you’ll find a live broadcast
of our Sunday worship every Sunday at 10.30am, plus regular webcasts,
meditations and services uploaded throughout the week. A new webcast
will be going up this morning.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2oameSsM0zLcT_HMm-OfDA>

\*Daily Prayer Podcasts\*on Anchor FM <https://anchor.fm/pjs>

On \*Facebook\*, both churches have their own pages: search for St James
Church Yeovil or St Peters Church (Westfield, Yeovil). There is also a
‘Virtual Prayer Room (Yeovil and area)’ page, hosted by Mark Felstead,
where people can post prayer requests, and pray for those posted by
others. There will be a live 'quiz night' on the St James Facebook page at
7pm this evening, using 'Facebook live', to see if we can have online
socials - do join the St James page today if you'd like to have a go!

\*3)\*\*Keeping in touch\*

We have a small but growing list of people who have offered help, either
to church members or folk in the parish – to do shopping, collect
medicines, or just offer a friendly phone call. If you’d like to be on
this please let David know (St James) or Caroline Turner (St Peters).
Likewise if you know people who are self-isolating and need either
practical help or just someone to talk to, please let the clergy or
Caroline Turner know.

Likewise, if you know people who want to follow what the church is doing
– several of our Youtube subscribers are not church members – then
please pass the links above on to them.

\*4)\*\*Our Church Buildings\*

As of Tuesday this week, our church buildings have completely closed,
and are no longer available for private prayer. Even David and Ruth
aren’t allowed in there to pray! St James Churchyard is still
accessible, and St. Peters Community Centre will be given over to
exclusive use by a community midwife service, starting next week.

Collections for the Lords Larder will have to cease at St James, and we
are looking at whether a collection box can be left outside the main
doors at St Peters Community Centre for a set time every week. The Lords
Larder are encouraging financial gifts in place of food donations, so
please use the attached form if you’d like to do that.

\*5)\*\*Money\*

As you may be aware, we have a parish Hardship Fund, which may really
come into its own over the weeks and months ahead. If you are aware of
people in the church or community who are really struggling financially,
even with the government help that is available, then please let the
Churchwardens or Clergy know. Likewise, we will be using the fund to
support anyone who is doing shopping for people who are self-isolating,
but is also concerned about their own cashflow.

For people who are used to giving to St James on St Peters on a Sunday,
through cash or envelopes, we would encourage you if you are able to
give through the bank or standing order. We appreciate that finances
will be difficult for many people over the weeks and months ahead, but
if after prayer and thought you decide this is something you would like
to do, then here are the bank details:

Account name: St Peters Church Westfield Sort Code 20-99-40Account No
20774642

Account name: Parochial Church Council of Preston Plucknett Account no:
80649309 Sort code: 40-47-28.

I spoke to several people yesterday from the church family, all of whom
were really blessed by church members who were ringing them up and
praying for them. We have also had 4 requests from the community for
help with shopping and friendly phone calls to people who needed
reassurance. Everything that is going on is, strangely, taking down the
walls of the church building so that people can see in, and so that we
can get out.  I remain convinced that God is able to use all of this to
his glory, please keep praying for one another and for our community:
now that it has all gone strangely quiet, perhaps the still small voice
will be heard.

"You will keep them in perfect peace, who have their minds set on you"
(Isaiah 26:3)

yours in Christ

David and Ruth

PS if you would like to be taken off this email distribution list,
please let us know, otherwise we'll assume you're ok to keep getting them!

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