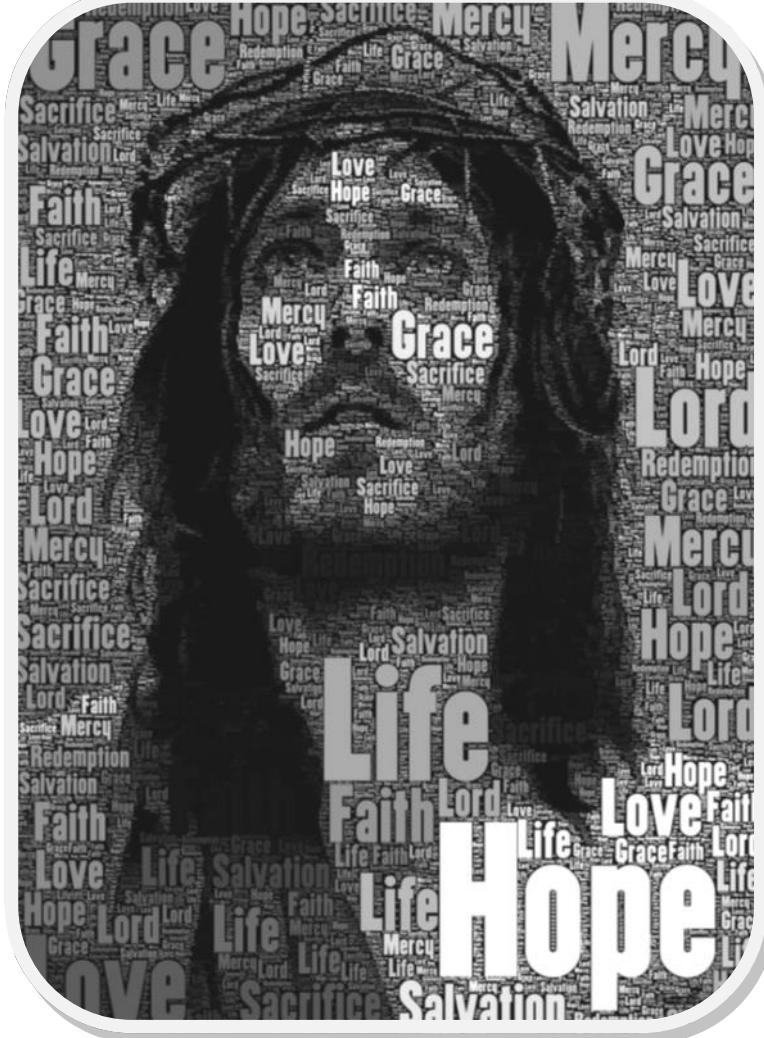


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# **St Laurence Church Alvechurch**

## **SUNDAY SERVICES**

### **8.00am Holy Communion**

*Book of Common Prayer Communion Service, will take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. On the other Sundays there will be an 8.00am Book of Common Prayer Communion Service at St Leonard's in Beoley*

### **9.30am Family Service**

*with Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday  
and Baptisms on the 4th Sunday*

### **11.15am Parish Eucharist**

### **6.00pm Evensong**

*On the 4th Sunday of the month at 6pm there will be Sacred Space, a quieter more reflective space for worship*

*On the 2nd Sunday of the month (4th in January), there will be a United Service (Churches Together in Alvechurch and Rowney Green), rotating between Alvechurch Baptist Church, St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Rowney Green Shared Church and ourselves*

## **At Rowney Green Shared Church**

### **9.30am Methodist/Anglican Service**

## **DAILY SERVICE**

### **9.00am Monday to Friday in St Laurence Church**

## **ORGANISATIONS**

### **Sunday Club - Sundays during term time 9.30am Church & Ark**

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### **Bellringers - Sundays at 10.45am**

### **Tuesday Practice at 7.30pm (01527 64077)**

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Tiny Tots Service - 10.45am 4th Thursday of the month (sarah100work@gmail.com)**

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## ***Revd Richard Bubbers writes...***

### **Praying in a crisis?**

At the time of writing, our country is in the grip of a national lockdown, and we do not know how long the effects of Covid-19 will go on for: I have just celebrated Easter in a most unusual way, without leaving my own home, and having previously participated remotely in 3 recorded services for the Easter weekend for viewing on YouTube through links on the homepage of our website ([www.alvechurch-stlaurence.org](http://www.alvechurch-stlaurence.org)).

A study has found that as the pandemic has spread, Google searches for the word "*prayer*" have boomed across 75 countries, in a way not seen since such data began: it has been found that the searches for "*prayer*" have doubled for every 80,000 new registered cases of Covid-19. The figures are flat until a country registers its first case of Covid-19, and then the number of searches rises drastically, regardless of where in the world the country is.

In Britain, online services from churches have generated virtual congregations which appear to be much bigger than the numbers of those previously attending in person. This indicates that many are seeking **help** in a time of crisis.

Jesus himself knew what it was to feel isolated and abandoned, when he cried out from the cross, "*My God, my God why have you forsaken me?*" (Matthew 27.46). In that moment of his greatest agony, he did not just knuckle under in despair or resignation, but cried out to God "*in a loud voice*" - he addressed the God who for him in that moment felt absent.

When we call out for help, we can discover surprisingly that we are drawn more powerfully to God through our anxieties and

weakness than we ever could have been through our successes and strengths alone. As Bill Wilson, who was the author of the Twelve Steps and the co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous, realised, if we want to see true change in our lives, the starting point is to recognise our own "*powerlessness*". Anxiety about the future can descend like a fog on everything we see, but we can begin to see more clearly when we can acknowledge our own powerlessness and our need for **help**.

As the Christian writer Brian McLaren has said, when we are suffering from anxiety, we can begin by simply holding the word **help** before God, letting that one word bring some focus to our racing minds; and once we feel that our minds are less frantic and there is more of a sense of connection with God, we can let go of the general word **help** and in its place hold more specific words which name what we need: for example, we might hold the word **guidance** before God – or other requests such as **patience, courage, resilience, calm, wisdom, or peace**.

Along with our anxieties and hurts, we can also bring our disappointments to God. If anxieties focus on what **might** happen, and hurts focus on what **has** happened, disappointments focus on what has **not** happened. Simply acknowledging or naming our disappointment to God can be an important step, especially if otherwise we may be tempted to blame God for our disappointment, thus pushing ourselves even further away from our best hope of comfort and strength.

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So whatever we are trying to deal with, there is enormous power in simple, strong words by which we name our pain and then turn it into a request to God. **Help** is the way into going beyond our own limited resources and beginning to access God's abundant resources.

We can thus discover something which is quite counter-intuitive: our connection with God can grow stronger through those experiences which we find most difficult. The wonder is that we can come just as we are to our loving creator God, as the Easter story shows us: we do not need to earn anything, deserve anything, or achieve anything to bring ourselves and our needs to God. My prayer is that you will be more enabled to pray and bring your own requests to God during this unsettled time, whatever your own circumstances and experience may be.

## Parish Prayers

Our Prayers for May at  
St Laurence Church are for the  
residents of the following roads:



**3 May – Bittell Farm Road**

**10 May – Bittell Road**

**17 May – Blythesway**

**24 May – Brandon Road**

**31 May – Brookside Close**

At this unprecedented time of uncertainty and anxiety, we pray for all who live in Alvechurch. We pray for all businesses in the village forced to close, for employees either furloughed or made redundant, together with businesses remaining open to serve residents, and for all of the staff at Alvechurch Medical and Dental Practices.

The Faith at Work in Worcestershire chaplaincy team look forward to when it will be possible again to visit shops and businesses in Alvechurch.

# The Church continues to be alive and active, but our buildings are closed

Because of the Covid 19 situation, the advice at the time of writing is that we must distance ourselves from one another and prevent the spread of infection in order to save lives.

Therefore, as well as public worship being suspended, this and all church buildings in the Church of England are now closed.

Our worship of God and our care for each other continue but cannot be done in this building.

The vicar/churchwardens of this church can be contacted in an emergency by telephoning 0121 445 1087 or emailing - [stlaurencealvechurch@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stlaurencealvechurch@yahoo.co.uk)

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength . . . Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."*

To protect the vulnerable amongst us, please do not leave your home except for essential trips.

We are praying for your safe keeping during this difficult time.

You can access various prayer, bible reading, reflection and worship links on our website by visiting -

<http://www.alvechurch-stlaurence.org/resources>

We have also set up our own YouTube channel with recordings of some of our services. You can find the channel by either searching on YouTube for "St Laurence Alvechurch", or via the direct link -  
[www.youtube.com/channel  
UCVQ6tgn7g6qT7vJ1Rh3vxpg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVQ6tgn7g6qT7vJ1Rh3vxpg)

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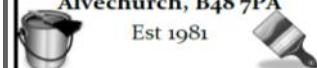
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Last year NewStarts transformed the lives of over 1100 people, but the present COVID 19 pandemic, with the necessary restrictions on movement and social interaction, has seriously affected the organisations ability to provide that help and support at the very time that the need is increasing. More and more people are having to rely on outside support to combat the loss of earnings and other aspects of the action taken by the Government to help save lives.

Whereas previously members of the congregation at St Laurence Church, and no doubt many other people in the village as well, have given generously by donating food and household goods, that is no longer possible. Instead NewStarts are asking for monetary donations to buy the things that are desperately needed. Please give as generously as you can by giving online via their website, or by bank transfer using sort code 20-98-61, account no. 73915964. Someone's life may depend on your gift. For more information please visit - [www.newstarts.org.uk](http://www.newstarts.org.uk)

## Attitude

by Charles Swindoll

*The longer I live, the more I realise the impact of attitude on life.*

*Attitude, to me, is more important than facts.*

*It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think, say or do.*

*It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill.*

*It will make or break a company... a church... a home.*

*The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we embrace for that day.*

*We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way.*

*We cannot change the inevitable.*

*The only thing we can do is play the one string we have, and that is our attitude...*

*I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.*

*And so it is with you... we are in charge of our Attitudes.*

## The Ark Cafe

The Ark cafe remains closed until further notice. We look forward to seeing you all once again when we reopen.

## Spring Fayre Cancelled

The Spring Fayre scheduled for Saturday 16th May at Alvechurch Baptist Church Hall has been cancelled.

## Alvechurch Historical Society

*Message from Hilary Taylor*

I'm sure it will come as no surprise, the Alvechurch Historical Society is not meeting for the time being. We are planning to be back as soon as we can.

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As the time of writing the countrywide lock-down was still in progress and into the fourth week, with all local group activities suspended. No doubt all the local groups will let us know when they will restart in due course.

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# **Workplace Chaplaincy – Offering care and concern for those at work**

*Revd Dick Johnson writes...*

The week before Easter – Holy Week – I found myself visiting the main Control Room at Hindlip Park. This is the headquarters of both West Mercia Police and Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service, and I am their Lead Chaplain. An important part of my work is recruiting and supporting volunteers as local chaplains to specific stations – fire and police – across our region. We work as a team of chaplains – they in stations, and me at Headquarters. But the COVID-19 lockdown meant visiting stations was out of the question. To keep both services free of the virus all non-essential visits had to stop.

When the lockdown began – back on March 23<sup>rd</sup> – I had assumed I wouldn't be able to visit any of the places I normally visit as chaplain. There would be a risk of carrying the virus from one place to another and, anyhow, it was already clear, many of the workplaces we visit as chaplains had already closed for the duration.

As well as working with the Police and Fire Services 3 days a week, I also work, for the rest of the week, for Faith at Work in Worcestershire, the charity supported by all the main Christian Churches of the County, to support local congregations in providing chaplaincy to those at work. With 35 or so volunteers, from more than 20 congregations, our chaplains cover most towns in Worcestershire, including a small team in Alvechurch under the leadership of Revd Richard Bubbers, Rector at St. Laurence's. Virtually all visit people working in shops and, apart from food shops, all were soon to be closed.

But not before we had managed to pass out postcards, as part of operation '*Keeping in Touch*' with a brief message of support and a contact phone number so that those not at work could contact their chaplain if they needed to talk. This is the essence of chaplaincy; to support people by listening, attentively and prayerfully. In this way, showing care and concern, they live out their Christian Faith – loving their neighbour - by getting to know people, learning about the pressures and stresses of their work, and being prepared to listen. A problem shared is a problem halved.

The lockdown presented workplace chaplains with a significant dilemma. Their instinct is to want to help; but just as people were facing real difficulties and uncertainties about their work, so chaplains could not visit, even if places where people worked were open. So how did I come to be in the Police and Fire Control Room? This is the place where any emergency call to Fire or Police gets answered (the West Midlands Ambulance Service has its own control room, with its own chaplain, in Dudley) and so is essential to the smooth running of the two services. Would there be enough staff to answer the phones, given that some would have to self-isolate? And people were anxious. The Control Centre is basically one huge room, about the size of 5 tennis courts, and manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There are more than 440 people who work there, up to 90 at any one time; taking calls, mobilising officers and fire crews, following up crime reports. It is very hard to keep two metres distant, working up to 12 hour shifts.

I asked the Superintendent in charge about whether I should continue visiting. ‘*People are under pressure, and many are very anxious*’, he replied. ‘*They need someone who has the time to listen; to show concern and help them get through this.*’ A supervisor put it neatly when she told me, ‘*you being here helps us stick to our job. Our work is essential, but so is yours*’.

And so I visit; and listen; and pray. To those who were frightened because a member of their family at home was vulnerable and they didn’t want to take the virus home - torn between keeping their loved ones safe, and doing their duty. To those who, shift after shift, took calls from people trapped in their homes who were also frightened and needed reassurance; or who were in danger of becoming the victim of domestic violence as the enforced isolation pushed people together to beyond breaking point. To those who needed the chance to try to make sense of this new world of isolation and separation, of suspicion and the threat of sudden and serious illness.

And, at times like this, prayer seems to connect with all sorts of people for whom faith is normally not part of their lives. When one officer, having developed symptoms of COVID-19, was taken into hospital, people were upset, not just for the person themselves (they subsequently made a full recovery), but because there was nothing any of their colleagues could do. In response to this I produced a page of simple prayers, drawn from Christian, but also other faith traditions, and it was eagerly received. People look for hope, and healing and are grateful to be offered something. And that includes a visit from a chaplain, with the message that somebody does care, and they are not alone.

*For more news of Workplace Chaplaincy in Worcestershire go to [www.faithatwork.org.uk](http://www.faithatwork.org.uk)*



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## **A selection of Prayers**

### **For those who are ill**

Merciful God,  
we entrust to your tender care  
those who are ill or in pain,  
knowing that whenever danger threatens  
your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.  
Comfort and heal them,  
and restore them to health and strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **For hospital staff and medical researchers**

Gracious God,  
give skill, sympathy and resilience  
to all who are caring for the sick,  
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.  
Strengthen them with your Spirit,  
that through their work many will be restored to health;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **From one who is ill or isolated**

O God,  
help me to trust you,  
help me to know that you are with me,  
help me to believe that nothing can separate me  
from your love  
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **A prayer remembering God is with us**

Lord God, you are always with me.  
You are with me in the day and in the night.  
You are with me when I am happy and when I am sad.  
You are with me when I am healthy and when I am ill.  
You are with me when I am peaceful and when I am worried.  
Today I am feeling (*name how you are feeling*) because  
(*reasons you are feeling this way*).  
Help me to remember that you love me and are with me in  
everything today.  
**Amen.**

Source - Church of England website

# Worship at home ideas for children and families

## Church@Home weekly sheets

The Youth and Children's Adviser from the Diocese of Bristol will be writing, distributing and using a thirty minute family worship and prayer time - for children aged from toddler to teenager. Find out more at - [www.bristol.anglican.org/familyfaith](http://www.bristol.anglican.org/familyfaith)

## Going For Growth from the Church of England

Faith isn't something to be learned in church - it's to be lived out at home. But it isn't always easy for families to know how to pray together or tell the stories of Jesus together. This page offers links and ideas to help families be Christian in their whole lives, not just the Sunday bit! Visit the website -

[www.going4growth.com/growth\\_in\\_faith\\_and\\_worship/faith-in-the-home](http://www.going4growth.com/growth_in_faith_and_worship/faith-in-the-home)

## Little Church

Perfect for preschoolers and their parents - See YouTube (<https://youtu.be/b1ZM6hHolaM>) for their first story featuring Noah.

## Netflix Party

Netflix party is a new way to watch films with friends. Netflix has a host of Christian films such as Veggie tales, storykeepers etc.. you could watch with your children's groups and families altogether online. Find out more at - <https://www.netflixparty.com>

## Worship music

Here are a couple of sites/playlists with contemporary kids songs with lyrics:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/hillsongkids>

<https://rendcokids.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUmTiGOxKUOhwpvDtOl62mc4bs9JEUyFP>

You can find lots more resources for children and families at -

[www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/children-family-worship-at-home](http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/children-family-worship-at-home)

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## CORONAVIRUS



### 2 Match the words to their meanings

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| A. Cough      | ..... | 1. Can be passed on easily by physical contact      |
| B. Fever      | ..... | 2. To release air from the mouth with a sharp sound |
| C. Virus      | ..... | 3. Forbidden by law and is a criminal act           |
| D. Bacteria   | ..... | 4. Bacteria that causes infection and makes us sick |
| E. Contagious | ..... | 5. A disease spread all around the world            |
| F. Illegal    | ..... | 6. To release air from the nose                     |
| G. Cure       | ..... | 7. Lots of small germs                              |
| H. Pandemic   | ..... | 8. To have a high body temperature                  |
| I. Hospital   | ..... | 9. A place you go when you are sick                 |
| J. Sneeze     | ..... | 10. To stop or relieve an illness                   |



### 3 Complete the word search

B	O	I	S	C	I	Q	P	Z	B	F	C	H	S	D
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## **ALVECHURCH CARES ....supporting each other in the Corona crisis**

The spread of Coronavirus has affected every community in the country and has certainly had a big impact in our Parish. We do have a strong community here though and it's been no surprise that members of that community have come together to form a support network for those in need in Alvechurch and its surrounding villages. That process started over a month ago when our District Councillors, Kate van der Plank and Annette English, encouraged a group of residents to join them and form a support team. The Parish Council was asked to co-ordinate the initiative, as it already had a bank account, insurance cover for those working on Council business, and of course Parish Councillors able to devote time and enthusiasm.

As lockdown was starting in mid-March, the support team met using video-conferencing technology to formally set up Alvechurch Cares. The initial work was to identify and security-check a group of volunteers who would form the backbone of the initiative. Clear responsibilities were set out, risks were assessed, insurance arrangements confirmed and detailed logistics developed. Volunteers were trained and given lanyards and badges to identify them, a telephone Helpline was established and Alvechurch Cares went public with leaflets distributed round the Parish and The Village magazine publicising it all. There was a real desire that the initiative should look as professional as possible, supporting but not overlapping with the essential work of the NHS and local medical practitioners.

Progress in recent weeks has been promising. Over 150 people have signed up as volunteers and around 20 have so far been ID checked (early April). They are carrying out tasks for self-isolating and vulnerable residents who have no one else they can ask for help. The Alvechurch Cares support team supervises these volunteers and answer the telephone Helpline, currently handling around 8-10 calls a day. Many calls are from older or more vulnerable people, who are self-isolating, and can't

get to the shops or the pharmacy. Essential food items form most of the non-medical requests while picking up prescriptions is also a frequent need. Most pharmacy visits involve the free prescription service but those asking for food shopping are asked to pay by various means. The volunteers are trained to encourage bank card payments via a specially set up bank account where possible and there are also special arrangements for those who have difficulty paying for their shopping because of cash flow difficulties. This is why the Parish Council has helped set up the loan-fund account.

Alvechurch Cares has also set up a telephone befriending service for those who are finding the lockdown situation and self-isolating quite stressful and would like to chat with a fellow villager.

The Alvechurch Cares team is having video conferences regularly to review progress and plan for the next few weeks. This is important when there is currently (early April) no prospect of the lockdown ending soon and normal life gradually returning. Like many similar community initiatives, Alvechurch Cares is guided by Government advice on CoVID-19 and that advice is being specifically interpreted for Parish Councils and community groups by our local County and District Councils. We're also collaborating closely with similar work being done by our neighbouring Parish Councils in Wythall and Beoley.

The success of Alvechurch Cares lies in helping as many in need as possible, balancing publicising of who's involved and who's benefitting, against the need for confidentiality. Put simply many volunteers and many of those in need would prefer to keep a low profile. The Alvechurch Cares message to everyone in our Parish is: if you, or someone you know, needs some basic help and support at the moment, and this isn't available from neighbours, friends and family, please get in touch.

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## A letter from the Bishop of Dudley

Rt Revd Martin Gorick

### Strange times...



These are strange times. I'm the new Bishop of Dudley, and should be living in that area, but I'm writing this letter from under '*lockdown*' in our old house in Oxford, unable to move.

It feels as though everything is disrupted and where nothing can be taken for granted. Our church buildings have been closed, and just when we want to gather together and encourage one another, we cannot.

We live in a world filled with fear, attacked by a virus we cannot cure. We can fear death and disease, poverty and unemployment; we can fear for loved ones isolated and far away. We can feel powerless and alone.

When Jesus was taken to be crucified most of his friends ran away, fearing for their lives, afraid that they would be next. But others stayed, mostly women like Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome. And then at the foot of the cross, James, the disciple whom Jesus loved, and Mary, Jesus' own mother. They must have been filled with grief and fear, but their love for Jesus was stronger still. Their love was stronger than their fear. They just had to be present with him.

I thank God for shopworkers, health workers, cleaners, carers, foodbank drivers and everyone else who set out to be present for others during this crisis. All those

whose love for humanity proves stronger than their fear.

This is the Easter season when we celebrate Jesus risen from the dead. The fear and isolation of Holy Week is past and a new age has begun. In these days between Easter and Pentecost we stand confidently in the warm sunlight of the resurrection, knowing that suffering and death will never have the last word; that God's love is real and unshakeable and in the end will prevail. The bible says, '*Underneath are the Everlasting Arms*' and that is true for us as Christians, both in this life and, I believe, when we die.

As we move towards Pentecost we pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit to bless and inspire us for the road ahead. We pray '*Thy Kingdom Come*' not with big gatherings and events this year, but online, in prayer, alone or in family groups. We pray for God's kingdom to come on earth as it already is in heaven. His is a kingdom of love, compassion, justice and freedom, where the people we all depend on in these days – health and care workers, shop staff, drivers and crop pickers, cleaners and refuse collectors and all the rest – will no longer be seen as menial or unskilled, but celebrated members of our society on whom we all depend. We need to find a new way of living in tune with the earth and creation, where global riches can be shared and where all can be fed.

I am living through the only global pandemic I have ever known. Its effects are tragic for some, and far reaching for us all. When all this is over we will need to build a better future. And that is something we can all be part of.

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# Calendar for MAY



In these unprecedented times all events are cancelled until further notice.

Thursday 14 June **GRAPEVINE GOES TO PRESS:** *articles to -  
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## **Text Giving for St Laurence Church**

Help to preserve St Laurence Church for future generations by making a donation towards the on-going Renovation Projects.

You can make a donation with a quick and simple text message

Text "**STLALVECHURCH 5**" to **70085** to donate £5  
Texts cost £5 plus one standard rate message

Text "**STLALVECHURCH 10**" to **70085** to donate £10  
Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message

Text "**STLALVECHURCH 20**" to **70085** to donate £20  
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With our thanks and prayers

Alvechurch PCC