



Welcome to Christ Church Alsager!

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News for Sunday 22 March

Our response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

In light of the Government guidance around non-essential contact and the Church of England's response (www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches) we are taking appropriate steps to ensure we keep our congregations, staff team, and everyone who partakes in our activities and events as safe as possible.

We are open for prayer and personal reflection

The church building will be open every day between 12pm and 2pm so people can drop in to pray or light a candle. We ask that you follow the Government guidance on social distancing.

Join us for Church Online on Sunday at 10am

We plan to live stream our Sunday worship service into your homes. Details will follow on how to access this. Please note that the church building will be closed; only the small team leading and facilitating the service will be allowed inside.

Church activities suspended

Sadly, all activities that currently take place in the church or church hall are suspended until further notice. This includes all the regular activities:

Do you need support?

Are you ill, self-isolating or social distancing? Can we support you especially with essentials like food shopping or collecting medicine? If so, please contact us by emailing helpinghand@christchurchalsager.uk with your name and telephone number or by calling the church office on 01270 872291.

“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.” (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)

Mothers Day Flowers

Please take a few posies of flowers with cards to give to your family, friends neighbours and anyone else you think would appreciate them at this time. The flowers and cards will be available from the church porch on Sunday 22 Mar between 12 - 2pm when the church will be open for prayer and reflection.

Families with Children

We are working out what church can look like for families with children during this season. Rachel has created a facebook group called 'Christ Church Families at Home' please do join the group. More details to follow, feel free to email Rachel at any time christchurchfamilies@hotmail.co.uk

Foodbank

The foodbank has advised us that they are running low on the following items: UHT milk, Tinned veg (inc tomatoes), tinned beans, packet mash potato, tinned macaroni cheese, tinned meat (meal in a tin), squash drinks, cream crackers, rice (dried or microwave pouches), jam, peanut butter, chocolate spread, tinned soup (including cuppa soup), toiletries - men's and women's, toilet roll. These can be dropped off at the Foodbank on Tues or Thurs mornings, or left in the designated collection points at Saisburys or Asda.

Wedding

Ben and Laura are getting married on Sun 5 April with parents as a private ceremony. Please remember them in your prayers, and we look forward to celebrating with them later in the year.

Prayer requests

We now have a confidential prayer request email address: prayer@christchurchalsager.uk please email your prayer requests to this address and the contents will be sent to our prayer ministry team who will pray for you. Prayer requests can be anonymous if you would prefer. We also have a prayer board in the porch at the back of church.

This week, please pray for:

Church

That we are work out how to be Church in this season.

Community

For ways we can help and support each other at this time..

Far Out

For those affected by the Coronavirus, we pray that people recover quickly and that it can be contained.

Prayers during the coronavirus pandemic

A prayer during this outbreak

Keep us, good Lord,
Under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
Be with those who care for the sick,
And lift up all who are brought low;
That we may find comfort
Knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
In Christ Jesus our Lord
Amen.

For those in isolation

God of compassion,
Be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
In their anxiety, be their hope;
In their darkness, be their light;
Through him who suffered alone on the cross,
But reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



There are hearing loops in both the church and the hall
Large print 9am services available. Please ask.

If you would like to support our work financially

Giving

Our church, like all in the Church of England, has to finance itself and make a contribution to the cost of its clergy and the wider church. It costs over £4,000 per week to run Christ Church which includes our staff, youth and children's activities, maintaining, heating and cleaning our church and hall and the many community activities that we support. There are lots of ways you can give to support our work both financially and practically so if you'd like to find out more, just pick up a 'Giving for Growth' leaflet from the church porch or download one from the downloads page of our website. Regular giving helps us plan and if you're a taxpayer gift aid can make your giving worth more to us - just fill in the form or ask any of our service leaders if you want to know more.

Want to keep in touch?

Please complete a welcome card and pop it in a box at the back of church. You can always choose to unsubscribe.

For more information

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