



# St Georges Church

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## For your prayers.

- For all those who are currently in self-isolation.
- For all those essential workers who provided front-line health support, for all those who deliver provisions to the shops, for all those teachers & learning support assistants who are looking after the essential workers Children.
- For all the volunteers who are helping those in isolation – keep them well so that their vital work can continue.
- For all of us, keep us safe, well and connected.

**The Church remains closed until further Notice** – This means all scheduled services are cancelled as are all weekday activities such as Wednesday Welcome, Pilots, Prayer Groups, Home Groups etc.

**If you need any assistance for anything at all, please contact Angela – who will be coordinating all Pastoral Care matters.**

## A MESSAGE OF HOPE AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE MINISTER

**Dearly beloved in Christ Jesus,**

I am reaching out to encourage you in this unrivalled time of COVID-19. COVID-19, which began as an epidemic primarily in China is now a pandemic and continues to bring devastation to our world. We are indeed

**“Making mature and active disciples of Jesus Christ, who worship God and show God’s love inside and outside the Church.”**

## This Sunday

Church scheduled Services have been cancelled until further notice.

This includes, Sunday services and weekday activities such as Wednesday Welcome, Pilots, Toddlers and home-groups

Stay in touch with us via our webpage

[www.st-georges-urc-hemel.org.uk](http://www.st-georges-urc-hemel.org.uk)

Or the Churches Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Georges-Church-HH-687803111369184/>

## Sundays to come....

Online URC Services

Access the devotions here: [bit.ly/URCdevotions](http://bit.ly/URCdevotions) or

subscribe here: [bit.ly/URCDDsubscribe](http://bit.ly/URCDDsubscribe)

These are short links, but they will take you to the website.

faced with a global emergency, and there is every indication that as a people, we are going to travel a rather long road before we get out of the woods.

As you are aware, the outbreak in the UK is just as overwhelming as in other parts of the world. And it is now clear that the days ahead are going to require that we make significant changes to our way of life as we try to adhere to guidance of government.

In this time of anxiety, fear, and uncertainty, we must do what we do best as Christians; pray relentlessly for God's intervention as we follow government directives. I would also like to encourage you to be vigilant and responsible but caring at the same time. We can still be in the lives of the most vulnerable in our communities in different ways even as we are impelled to engage in social distancing.

Let us continue to give thanks to God for all those who are working hard to overcome the impact of COVID-19. Our health professionals are doing an excellent job. And let us remember in prayer those whose lives have already been affected by COVID-19.

Stay well, stay put, and let us all be responsible in whatever we do for our own sake and for the sake of others. But most importantly, let us be present to our loved ones even from a distance. May God who alone is the master healer protect each of us during this difficult time and continue to bless us.

Finally, let me leave you with this Scripture passage: "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be you dismayed: for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (**Joshua 1:9**).

Thank you.

**REV. DR. CONFIDENCE BANSAH**

**Church Giving & Pastoral Care Fund.** As we are unable to meet in Church and present our gifts. Can you continue to place your giving in your envelopes, then bring them in once we are able to meet again. Additionally, if you are also able to offer additional financial support to our Pastoral Care Fund. We anticipate this may be used more extensively over the coming weeks as people's situations change. Thank you.

#### **Contacts & Information**

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**Website** - [www.st-georges-urc-hemel.org.uk](http://www.st-georges-urc-hemel.org.uk)

**The church website** has details of events, services, & recordings. The member's area includes up to date rotas & information. Please contact the office for the member's password. Articles for the website send to [admin@st-georges-urc-hemel.org.uk](mailto:admin@st-georges-urc-hemel.org.uk)

#### **Junior Church - (Term-Time) Sunday mornings 10.30 am**

- Cell Group 14+
- 7up – Year 7 (11+)
- Junior Church (5+)
- Creche
- Child Friendly services during Half-Term.

**Reminder.** When not in organised group sessions, children should be supervised by parents/carers at all times whilst on the premises.

#### **Pilots - (Term-Time) Thursday**

Please see Cathie Bunoti for details. Meeting in the church hall.

- Deckhands (Recp. to Year 2) 5.45 until 7pm
- Adventurers (Year 3-6) 5.45 until 7pm
- Voyagers (Age 11-14) 7 until 8.15 pm
- Navigators (Age 14+) Meeting takes place at Linda's & Kevin's home bi-weekly at 7.00 p.m. including a meal. A Lift is available if required – meet at the Church at 6.45 pm

#### **Toddler Group - (Term-Time) Thursday mornings 10-11.45 am**

- Please see Carol Edgeworth for details or the Church Facebook Page

**Homegroups - Monday to Thursdays** - See website for details.

**Wednesday Welcome - (Term time) Open to all.** 10.15 am to 11.30 am Speakers, Activities & Fellowship.

**Meetings - Suspended**

**Prayer chain** - Please speak to Sharon Boyall

**Prayer Meeting - (Term time)** Wednesdays 6.45 pm to 7.30 pm in the Bell Lounge