

Parish of Finchampstead and California

CORONAVIRUS CONTINUITY PLAN – updated April 2nd 2020

Structures

1. The aim of this plan is to ensure as far as possible the continued mission and ministry of the parish of Finchampstead and California, and the maintenance of the critical ongoing business of the parish.
2. The Incumbent (Canon Julie Ramsbottom 0118 973 2102) with the support of the Church Wardens (St James : Rob Alder, Jo Myall; St Mary and St John : Marjorie Stalker and Ashlyn Webster; St Eligius : Lucia Golding and Paul Marsden) has taken steps now that the Coronavirus has become a pandemic.
3. Canon Julie's nominated deputy is the Revd Julian McAllen (0118 973 5876). The Revd Tonia Elliott (07534 636375) will fulfil this role should Canon Julie Ramsbottom and Revd Julian McAllen be unwell. In the event of all three becoming unwell the lot will fall to Revd Gemma Donnell (0118 973 5371).
4. Canon Julie, or her nominated deputy, will provide a channel for daily communication, by email or phone, with the Area Dean and Archdeacon.
5. She has identified critical leadership roles and essential parish and benefice functions.

Communication

1. The Parish Office (0118 973 0133), Canon Julie and the Churchwardens have contact details of those who are available for ministry, funerals and pastoral care.
2. We will communicate information about the pandemic and any appropriate advice, via notice boards, pew sheets, email and through social media as appropriate.

Worship

1. In accordance with the instructions from the Government and the Diocese of Oxford all worship centres are temporarily closed.
2. During this time we are providing resources for parishioners, both online and on paper, to allay fears and to support spiritual needs.
3. The prayer life of the parish will continue from our own homes, but especially at 11.00am when we will all pause to say Psalm 23 and the Lord's Prayer in conjunction with Christians throughout the world. For those who wish to join in Morning or Evening Prayer at home then please access the *Common Worship, Daily Prayer* resources online.

Pastoral

1. Revd Julian McAllen (0118 973 5876) heads up our Pastoral Care team. Please contact him in the first instance if you would like assistance with pastoral care, and he will arrange it with the team, in accordance with government guidelines about this virus.
2. For those who are needing to self-isolate, we will provide support through phone calls, emails and via social media, and help with the delivery of shopping and / or medication. ***However please be advised that all church members involved in this support are very clear about, and committed to, adhering to the Government's isolation advice.***

Finance

1. Anyone handling cash should protect themselves from virus transmission by washing hands or using hand gel beforehand and afterwards, or by wearing appropriate gloves.

Canon Julie Ramsbottom

Rob Alder and Jo Myall – St James
Marjorie Stalker and Ashlyn Webster (SMSJ)
Lucia Golding and Paul Marsden – St Eligius
Church Wardens

Incumbent

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