

Parish of Fichampstead and California

CORONAVIRUS CONTINUITY PLAN – updated January 2021

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 Ministry Team and the Church Wardens (St James : Rob Alder, Joy Scovell; St Mary and St John : Marjorie Stalker and Ashlyn Webster; St Eligius : Lucia Golding and Paul Marsden) have taken the appropriate steps since the Coronavirus became a pandemic.
3. In the absence of a Rector (post vacant), Revd Julian McAllen (0118 973 5876) leads the Ministry Team. Revd Tonia Elliott (07534 636375) will fulfil this role should Revd Julian McAllen be unwell. In the event of both becoming unwell, the lot will fall to Revd Gemma Donnell (0118 973 5371).
4. Rev Julian McAllen, or his nominated deputy, will provide a channel for daily communication, by email or phone, with the Area Dean and Archdeacon.
5. The Ministry Team and Churchwardens have identified critical leadership roles and essential parish and benefice functions.

Communication

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

Worship

1. The Ministry Team and Churchwardens will comply with the instructions from the Government and the Diocese of Oxford in making decisions about when our worship centres are closed or open and always in a Covid secure way. In person services will only be offered when it seems safe to do so.
2. During this time, we are providing resources for parishioners, both online and on paper, to allay fears and to support spiritual needs.
3. We are streaming Sunday services (a Family Service, generally at 9.30am and a Communion Service at 11.00am) on Facebook and You Tube together with other midweek services and opportunities for Family activities, prayer and reflection.
4. The Ministry Team will also provide other online services specific to important dates in the church calendar. These online services will be advertised on the parish website and available on Facebook and You Tube.

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 are providing 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

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

Revd Julian McAllen

Rob Alder and Joy Scovell – St James' Church Wardens

Marjorie Stalker and Ashlyn Webster St Mary & St John's Church Wardens

Lucia Golding and Paul Marsden – St Eligius' Church Wardens

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