

St Mary's East Leake

www.eastleakechurch.org

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Good Morning,

As you've probably heard, St Mary's will not be meeting on Sundays for the foreseeable future due to the coronavirus epidemic.

These are unprecedented times for the modern church and as we seek to respond to them well, our church community life and the way we support one another will look quite different.

As part of this, we have launched our new website ahead of schedule in order to be better able to communicate and offer streamed and other digital content.

The new website is www.eastleakechurch.org

The site is completely new and Google hasn't found it yet. So rather than searching for it you may find it better just to use the link or type the address in manually.

We will be broadcasting at 10am every Sunday

We will also host a live stream of evening prayer from churches in the surrounding villages at 6pm, beginning this week at West Leake.

In the next few days we will be finalising our plans for pastoral support and developing print resources for those who are quarantining themselves. We will also be improving our church comms system, to make it easier for you to receive updates if you wish.

If you any questions about the website, the pastoral support, or anything else related to the changes we're making in relation to the coronavirus, please contact Michael Allen (curate@ourbenefice.org) or Sue Shaw (sue-shaw@ntlworld.com) in the first instance.

There are many challenges facing the human race at the present time, and Christians will be involved in all of them.

We believe that the Gospel is powerful, not just for salvation, but to equip people to serve and to love each other better. And the world will need people like this in the months ahead.

That's why, as the pandemic unfolds, St Mary's will of course be seeking to offer care and support, as well as seeking to be active in our community. But we will also be seeking to help each other grow as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ so that in his strength we will be better able to love each other as he loved us.

My thanks to everyone who has worked so hard this past week, and I look forward to joining you online at www.eastleakechurch.org/livestream

Keep safe and trust in him

Tim Parker
Vicar