

# THE Avenue CHURCH

*A Caring, Connected Community*

## March 20th 2020

**We hope you are all staying safe and well**

I am sure it will come as no surprise to any of you that due to Government guidance and guidance from The Methodist Church we have reluctantly had to suspend Worship Services until further notice.

Our main priority at this time is keeping everyone as safe and well as we are able.

All other activities at The Avenue have also ceased for the time being - that includes KingsCare.

We are obviously looking at ways in which we can keep in touch with you all, to offer support or help where needed.

We are also looking at providing resources for prayer and worship during this trying time.

We are hoping to get a band of willing volunteers together so if you are able to offer support either physically or by giving someone a quick ring on the telephone, please let us know by ringing any of the numbers below

If you, or anyone you know, needs help please contact:

**The Church Office** is remaining open and **Sharon** is happy to take your calls on 01626 360400 or use the pastoral numbers below

**Rev Paul Weir** 07951 224930 Email: revpaulweir@gmail.com

**Gill Sinden** Tel:01626 203678 Email: ga59sinden@hotmail.com

**Rev Gill (After 1st April)** 01626 200655 Email: gilldaniel@live.co.uk



## Time for a celebration

Chris and Stan Dryland celebrated their

**65th Wedding Anniversary** on

Thursday 19th March

Congratulations from all your friends at The Avenue on  
your **Sapphire Anniversary**

### A message from our Children and Families Worker:

Although it looks like I won't be seeing you face to face for a little while I am more than happy to talk/pray with you on the phone. Please send a message on the Facebook page, email me [sarahwood1884@gmail.com](mailto:sarahwood1884@gmail.com) or text/ring on 07709424558.

If you have Sky TV you may want to check out the Hillsong channel on 595 or Revelation on 581.

Keep praying in Jesus name and do stay connected at this surreal time.

'Don't panic. I'm with you. There's no need to fear for I'm your God. I'll give you strength. I'll help you. I'll hold you steady, keep a firm grip on you'. (Isaiah 41:10 Message)

Love in Christ, Sarah

### Virtual Services of Worship

There are many 'on line' sites that offer Services of Worship (type in 'Worship Services' and you will be given a choice). I know that many of you don't have access to the Internet but there are other ways to access services of worship:

**Radio:** Sunday Worship at 8:10am on Radio 4.

8:00am on Radio Devon - the BBC are launching a virtual church service on Sundays initially led by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby.

3:30pm on Radio Devon - Sunday Service

**TV:** Songs of Praise at 1:15pm on Sundays

The BBC will also aim to broadcast a weekly Sunday morning church service on BBC One, but this will be subject to outside broadcast capacity. No details have yet been released.

With these notice you should receive a Service Sheet that you might like to follow on Sunday at 11:00 am to join together in worship as a church family. The sheet has been prepared by The Methodist Church.

## **Fourth Sunday in Lent - Mothering Sunday - Globe**

The fourth Sunday in Lent is Mothering Sunday.

We have placed a Globe at the foot of the cross - a symbol that declares that the love of Christ reaches round the globe. It is for all.

John 3: 16 and 17

For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its Saviour.

Prayer:

Dear God, help us to live as people who know that we are loved not condemned. Amen.





## **Light a candle of hope: A national call to prayer**

Presidents of Churches Together in England have issued a call to prayer in the light of the Coronavirus pandemic. This is for all churches and people of prayer to join on

### **Sunday 22nd March, Mothering Sunday.**

This Mothering Sunday, 22nd March, we are calling all churches to a National Day of Prayer and Action. At such a time as this, when so many are fearful and there is great uncertainty, we are reminded of our dependence on our loving Heavenly Father and the future that he holds.

**At 7:00 pm this Sunday,** light a candle in the windows of your homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer.

At this time of uncertainty join in with the National Day of Prayer and Action, lighting a candle of Hope.

“Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you” 1 Peter 5:7

