

The Four Ways Mission Community

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I pray that you are all doing well.

Moreover, as our communities come together to fight this virus, it looks like we may be in for the long haul, but together we can overcome. Remembering that we are community together and part of another, that we are a community of faith in the wider world is essential.

I know that each of our mission community churches is still struggling with being in lockdown, but we must remember that this is by direct order from the Archbishops - it's not a local decision.

Many, like me, are finding it difficult and are worried about the impact on our buildings, but that's what they are - buildings. The heart and soul of our church is you, your love of Christ and your faith in God. It is that which will bring us back together, stronger and more determined to move ever forward.

I know I am struggling with not being able to offer ministry to those who are in hospital and to those who have died. People whom I know have died and, not being able to get to funerals to share my last respects, has hurt both me and my family - we are in strange times. I also know that this will more than likely affect many of us and my prayers and thoughts are with all of you who have family or friends who are suffering with this illness at this time.

I am preparing video prayer links that people can download and watch. They will contain prayers and thoughts for families, for children, grandparents and those who have lost someone. I will put the links into my next letter.

Please don't forget that, if you know of someone who may need a phone call to please send me the details, I can then contact them and build up a regular phone chat.

Our Mission Prayer online services are being very well attended during the week on Facebook and so is our Sunday service at 10am. Please join us as it's good to pray together, even if we are apart.

The link to Mission Prayer is <https://www.facebook.com/mission.prayerprogramme>

Don't forget to always follow the government guidance and stay safe.

God bless and keep you all in his love and protection.

Fr Shaun