



# Irthlingborough Methodist Church

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Good Morning everyone. So much seems to have changed since last Tuesday! Unfortunately, our lovely church will be closed for worship again. We hope that the churches in the Circuit will be able to reopen on the 6<sup>th</sup> December, but we will have to wait for more guidance from the government to see if that will be possible. In the meantime, I think I shall be moving the office back to my dining table! However, I shall still be working to keep us all connected

## **Staying in touch:**

Our FaceBook page continues to reach out to those in our community. It is a great way to keep in touch with what is happening and to receive uplifting messages. Thank you to Sophie, Jamie and Ruth for all that they do with this.

We will be resuming checking the church landline for messages, so if you need help or a chat, please leave a message on the number at the top of this newsletter and one of our pastoral leaders will get back to you.

If you would like to submit anything for the newsletter I would be delighted to hear from you. It is important that we share news, things that make us smile and prayers at this time.

## **Worship and Prayer:**

As the situation changes yet again, and we are all going to be spending more time apart, possibly on our own, at home, we need to continue praying for our town and country. So much seems to be happening, that it can be difficult to know where to start! However, we are reminded in Romans that: 'We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.' So don't worry if you don't have the words, God will know!

I have been struggling myself to know how to manage everything that is happening. I came across the words of hymn 144 in Singing the Faith. I hope, that like me, you might find them useful in your night-time prayers;

Here are my thoughts, Lord, here is my mind.

Here are my deeds, Lord, help me unwind.

Here is my strength, Lord, here is my will.

Here is my life, Lord, help me be still.

Here is my heart, Lord, here is my hope.

Here is my love, Lord, help me to cope.

Here is my time, Lord, here is my might.

Here I am yours, Lord, bless me tonight.

### **Family news:**

My apologies to those of you who have had intermittent emails recently. I have been experiencing some technical difficulties which hopefully now have been resolved! Please, if you have not received all the information for church council, do let me know and I will resend. If you are missing any newsletters, they are available on the church website to view.

We have had the Irthlingborough Historical Society back using their archive room, although of course that will have to stop again. Now that they have a risk assessment in place, hopefully they will be able to resume as soon as we can meet again for worship. Unfortunately, the planned resumption of Little Fishes this week has had to be postponed, but we thank Rachael for all her hard work in getting us to this point. We look forward to the point at which this can start again.

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