



*Committed to God – through worship, prayer and scripture*  
*Committed to Community – within our congregations and reaching out*  
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## News Sheet number 1

29<sup>th</sup> March 2020

One inclusive and extensive  
Church family  
Gathering in  
Three meeting places (usually!)  
Around the Woottons  
Near to King's Lynn

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### To The Church in the Woottons family

I've been challenged and encouraged by this verse of scripture this week

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit". Romans 15:13*

As Christians we have the both the responsibility and privilege of being carriers and witness of the hope we have in Jesus Christ. This should profoundly affect our approach to the crisis we are in the midst of. The hope of God we overflow with will bless others to.

Since we prepared last week's News Sheet so much has changed. Ceasing services was one thing but to have to lock up our church buildings was quite another. It felt very strange putting posters on our church doors explaining the churches will remain closed until further notice. But Please be assured that I, Dan and others will continue to pray for you and be available to you all. **You can contact us by phone, email and on our Facebook page.**

We are trying to contact many of you by phone, and we are sending out messages and information by email, on our website and the Church in the Woottons web pages. I hope you've seen the Mothering Sunday Communion service we recording and posted last week. Dan has put a sermon he has prepared and delivered for today on our Facebook page. I have written a piece about the Holy Communion Service I celebrated at home with Linda and Katie today which I have emailed to you and put on [www.churchinthewoottons.net](http://www.churchinthewoottons.net) our website.

**James and Dan can no longer actually meet for prayer but they are in daily contact and are finding they have even more time for prayer than usual!**

We all face many challenges in the coming days, weeks and months – but we have strength in our faith in God, and strength in the love we share as members of his Church. Keep in touch with one another by phone, email and social media

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### King's Lynn Foodbank

**Your gifts of food can no longer be left in Church but please continue to make your donations by leaving them in the appropriate supermarket collection point when you shop. Thank you very much.**

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### CAP KLDC Update

Our CAP Debt Centre continues to operate in King's Lynn despite the lockdown! Emily Hart, our Centre Manager, is currently working from home and doing her casework over the phone and online. This isn't easy, as the face to face meetings she would normally have with clients are by far the most effective way to get things done. But Emily is adapting fast and finding creative ways to serve some of the most vulnerable households in the area.

Centrally CAP Head Office in Bradford, where all the Caseworkers and Specialist Advisors are normally based, have quickly moved to a home-working setup in which only those that absolutely have to be in the office are there and everyone else is working remotely. So the essential work of CAP continues! This is obviously a huge challenge, not least because of the additional pressure that the lockdown is having on households already struggling with debt. But the faith and determination within the organisation, to see lives transformed by Jesus' relentless compassion, is as strong as ever. Please continue to pray for and to support this essential work! Dan

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### Keep in touch with the Diocese of Norwich at:

<https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/>

**On the page you'll find lots of timely information, news and material to support and encourage you.**



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### From the Bishop of Lynn

This was forwarded to clergy by the Bishop of Lynn – I find it very moving and helpful I hope you do too.

*“And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.*

*“And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.*

*And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.” -Kitty O’Meara*

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### Psalm 86 – a psalm for our times

1. Hear me, LORD, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.
- 2 Guard my life, for I am faithful to you;  
save your servant who trusts in you.  
You are my God; <sup>3</sup> have mercy on me, Lord,  
for I call to you all day long.
- 4 Bring joy to your servant, Lord,  
for I put my trust in you.
- 5 You, Lord, are forgiving and good,  
abounding in love to all who call to you.
- 6 Hear my prayer, LORD;  
listen to my cry for mercy.
- 7 When I am in distress, I call to you,  
because you answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;  
no deeds can compare with yours.
- 9 All the nations you have made  
will come and worship before you, Lord;  
they will bring glory to your name.
- 10 For you are great and do marvellous deeds;  
you alone are God.
- 11 Teach me your way, LORD,  
that I may rely on your faithfulness;  
give me an undivided heart,

that I may fear your name.

- 12 I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;  
I will glorify your name for ever.
- 13 For great is your love towards me;  
you have delivered me from the depths,  
from the realm of the dead.
- 14 Arrogant foes are attacking me, O God;  
ruthless people are trying to kill me –  
they have no regard for you.
- 15 But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious  
God,  
slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy on me;  
show your strength on behalf of your servant;  
save me, because I serve you  
just as my mother did.
- 17 Give me a sign of your goodness,  
that my enemies may see it and be put to shame,  
for you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

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