



Dear all,

I hope that you can sense that as a ministry team, we are remembering you, missing you, while continuing to pray for you and seeking new ways to serve. I know also that you are missing meeting together, across the six churches of Buxton Team Parish, but please remember that we are the church, even though our buildings are closed, we can still be the church together.

Enclosed is a service booklet for you to use, so that we can worship together, even though we are in our separate homes. You may want to simply spend the time in prayer or use different liturgy, but meeting together at 11am on a Sunday and Wednesday (if you can) will help us to recognise there are other voices, apart from our own, praying collectively.

*You are invited
to a new kind
of Church*

I have found over the past couple of weeks that the phone calls and email chats across the six churches have increased greatly - and all of you are wonderfully supporting each other by talking and chatting to each other. If you would like a phone chat regularly or are struggling to get the food or essential items you need then please let us know. (Phone Jennie 01298 77856) We have a team of people from the parish who are ready to help out where needed.

I read a funny story the other day: A teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

Perhaps, as you search for what God looks like during this very different Lenten time, may you find a renewed relationship with your Creator - one that is more refreshing, more open and more familiar than it has ever been before. Allow God to give you peace, the peace that passes all understanding, the peace that only God can give; as 'underneath are the everlasting arms' (Deuteronomy Ch33).

Please do continue to share your news with me, how you are, what you are doing differently. I dearly look forward to a time, not too far away, when we can meet again, inside the churches of Buxton.

Yours in Christ

Liz England

Team Rector, 29th March 2020