

27<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**Welcome to this week's letter**

We continue to pray for you as you pray for one another and those you have a special care for in these testing times. We hope you are keeping safe and well and following the directions given by the government and health services to protect your well-being and that of others too.

This week thoughts have been inspired by 'acts of kindness'. In amongst all the anxiety and difficulties of this new world we live in, there is evidence of wonderful acts of kindness. From thousands of people clapping the NHS staff to very small things as people help one another through. In times of crisis people do want to do something to help. But what about those who feel they can 'do' nothing? They may be unable to offer any acts of help. I am reminded of my college days when I first came across the concept of 'being and doing'. Human beings mostly do, at the expense of being. Forgetting that it is from our being that our doing is born. How we are with ourselves, how we think and feel and live, is much more about 'being' certain kinds of people than what we do. For one flows from the other. Being kind, helps us 'do' kind. In these days the most important aspect of 'being' is prayer. Who ever we are, whatever our condition, we can pray for others as well as for ourselves. My pray is that the coming days and weeks are times when all of us discover the power of prayer to change us and, through us, the world around us. If you think you can do nothing be a person of prayer. It seems to me that we need that more than ever just now.

A reminder that if you are in pastoral need of any kind please contact your own Minister direct by email or phone. We may also be able to arrange practical help with shopping and so on. Our details are below. **If in any doubt, please contact Rev. Peter Powers and he will link you up with help locally to you.**

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There are plenty of opportunities to join in worship if you have the internet. We are encouraging everyone to link up with the live stream worship being offered by the Birmingham District via FaceBook on Sunday mornings at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/Birminghammethodistdistrict/>

In addition, we will be offering a service online on the Circuit's own FaceBook page and on YouTube. The links are below:

[https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=142865293925553&id=110929903785759](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=142865293925553&id=110929903785759)

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A full text of this service is also available at this link and is being sent by post to all those people who do not use the Internet so they can join in too. These two worship opportunities will be available and sent to you every Sunday.

We will be offering worship in a similar way each Sunday, and every day during Holy Week, as well as special services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of us.

Keep safe. Keep caring. Keep praying.

With every blessing to you and yours.

*The Ministers and Stewards of the South Warwickshire Methodist Circuit of Churches*