

*So do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your God  
I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*  
Isaiah 40:10

Dear friend,

I wanted to be in touch to let you know what is happening with regards to life in and around Cults Parish Church.

We received notification this week from the Church of Scotland that we have to stop gathering for worship immediately and that all activity that brings people together should also stop. Whilst saddened that we cannot continue to worship collectively, I am happy to let you know that the ministers from our cluster group of churches are going to prepare a short service each week that will be broadcast via our YouTube channel. You will be able to find that here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6alrjGmvx2kBKjp8QIHchg>

On top of this I will be using our Facebook page to share daily thoughts for day and other ideas that will help us stay connected in worship. This is church but maybe not as we are used to.

Unfortunately, we have also had to ask our hall users to cease their activities with the exception of the AA group and the Playgroup. The Hub Café has also stopped for the time being.

I have asked our elders to be in touch with the people in their districts to check if anyone will need any help over the next wee while. Please do let us know if there is any way we can help, even if that is simply a weekly phone call to check in. We have volunteers ready to run errands and to call people. There is also a wider community effort being made to help anyone who might need help in coming days and weeks. If you are speaking to your friends, please let them know. More information about the community response will be forthcoming and will be shared as widely as is possible.

One of the consequences of not being able to gather for worship is that those who give to the church weekly through the envelope scheme or by open plate will be unable to. Whilst not our highest priority and I am uneasy talking about money at the moment, the church will still need money coming in to pay for all that needs to be paid for. I would ask that if you are a weekly giver that you consider starting a standing order in the meantime our Treasurer, can help with that.

The church office will remain open, and if you have any queries about anything to do with church please feel free to call the office on 01224 869028 or me directly. The Manse number is 01224 861692.

We live in uncertain and scary times. I am hopeful that through loving one another we can help each other through the weeks and months ahead. Please do not feel alone, the Lord our God is with us.

Your minister,  
in love and service,

*Shuna*