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*Peter's day off is Friday - messages and emails left on Fridays  
will not be received by him until Saturday.*



**SUNDAY APRIL 19th 2020**

Dear friends –

First of all, enormous thanks are owed to Wendy, who has organised the display outside the church this week and supplied the pictures for us. It's good to know that our church is showing confidence in new life, and that this sign has been appreciated by those who were passing.

More and more, rainbows are appearing as a sign of hope. On TV, in house windows, rainbows are being displayed, recalling God's promise to Noah. Isn't it interesting that people still turn to the Bible in times of crisis, and find there the messages that they need?

I include in full a message from Woolton Community Life, which may suggest ideas to keep our younger ones busy.

Derek

***PRAYERS***

Please remember Rebecca Davies, who lost both her parents-in-law to the virus last week; Helen Munro's granddad; Linda Gregson, who is back in hospital; and any others you know of. And please pass on to me any news you would like to be circulated.

We have had a message from Rosaria in Naples; perhaps you remember the she and her husband Pietro visited us during our celebrations some years ago. She feels very isolated (Pietro died some time ago) and frightened. Please remember her also in your prayers.

***SONGS OF PRAISE***

Songs of Praise next Sunday comes from our friends at the Salvation Army in Strawberry Fields at 1.15.

## ***MONEY***

A reminder that the expenses of the church are not isolated from anything! Do remember to put aside your collection money until it can be collected.

Some countries that have been or are about to be struck with Corona virus will suffer even more badly than our own because they haven't got the ability to stay safe. The Methodist charity All We Can is asking for our support to help them. Please donate if you feel it appropriate.

**The church benevolent fund has contributed £100 to this appeal.**

## ***A MESSAGE FROM WOOLTON COMMUNITY LIFE***

We have been going through very challenging times due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. This has been particularly and severely affecting some of our vulnerable elderly residents of this Community. We, at Woolton Community Life, have been striving to support our beneficiaries both individually and through their designated befrienders. We are now entering into a shared partnership with Salvation Army and Life rooms, to reach out to those in our Community most in need at this very difficult time. During our Trustees' meeting there was a suggestion that we could perhaps entuse our younger members of this Community to write to our lonely residents here in Woolton and the surrounding area, just to uplift their spirits and let it be known that we are thinking of them.

We are trying to work out the logistics of posting any letters, cards, pictures, drawings from young people which will be such a wonderful thing during these dark days.

I should be grateful if you could discuss the possibility of getting those materials, addressed to say 'Dear Resident/ Fellow Woolton resident'. We will arrange to collect those letters etc and post them to our elderly residents. I am sure that will cheer them up.

Catherine Higgins, chair of our Trustees, has her office in Woolton Village and is happy to collect those letters and post them if you can drop them through her letterbox. Her office is on Allerton Road, opposite the News Agent: Catherine Higgins Law, Solicitors.

### **The Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter**

Faithful God, the strength of all who believe and the hope of those who doubt; may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

***THE WITNESS OF ST JAMES' CONTINUES***

