

CLOSURE OF ST NICHOLAS' BLUNDELLSANDS CHURCH BUILDINGS

Further to the Prime Minister's statement to the country on Monday evening our church buildings are now closed until further notice.

However, we at St Nicholas' are more than the buildings. Our church is all of us and we are working together to keep in touch and come together spiritually and virtually so people will know they are not alone at this difficult and worrying time. See '**Keeping in touch**' below.

The **Morning Prayer** service will be streamed on Sunday on the church's Facebook page. See the notice on our website Welcome page for more details, or search Facebook for St Nicholas Church Blundellsands and click 'Like'

Funerals can no longer be held in church but may only be in a crematorium or at the graveside. They should still be limited to close family only and preferably should not include more than ten people to allow people to keep at least two metres apart. The Presiding Clergy has the final decision on the number allowed to attend but it must not be more than twenty.

Although it is common practice to hold hands and hug to comfort each other at a funeral it is recommended that there is no physical contact between people.

Keeping in touch

We have made arrangements for everyone in the congregation to receive a phone call from someone at St Nicholas' to check that you are alright and see if there's anything you need. If you know of anyone who you think may not be included then please let Lesley or Derek know. Their contact details can be found by clicking this link

<https://stnicholasblundellsands.org/magazine-and-bulletin>

If there is something you need, such as collecting some medicines from the chemist or you are running short of food they will pass your details on to a team from church who have offered their time to help and they will contact you to see what is needed. When they contact you they will introduce themselves so that when they come to your house you will know to expect them.

To keep yourself safe please do not open your door to people you do not know who may be offering to help you.