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Pastoral Letter 3
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Dear Christchurch friends,

This letter comes to bring prayers and greetings as we approach Easter. I do hope that it finds you and all your loved-ones well. Our thoughts are with everyone who is affected by the coronavirus at the moment including health workers and carers.

We are learning all the time how to keep in touch with our Christchurch community. We now have a **Christchurch Ilkley Youtube** channel which you can find by putting that title into a search engine if you have a computer or modern mobile phone.

This week the church donation envelopes for regular giving have gone out. Much thanks continues to go to you, if you give in this way or by standing order, or in whatever way you support the church including by word and action. I do know that one or two of you have increased your giving at this point which is incredibly generous and encouraging. After my last letter I was reminded that it is possible to give donations via the Christchurch website via *Paypal*. From the home page, look at the left menu and click on 'Donate' and follow the links. It also has a Gift Aid facility.

I am attaching with this letter the worship sheet for Good Friday. There is also a different talk and prayers available on our Youtube channel and there will be another for Easter Sunday. We may also attempt some Zoom worship at 10 am – but that will come in a separate email with invitation.

I have received a request from the Anglican chaplain at Airedale hospital: Any iPads or similar tablets that people were willing to donate to the chaplaincy, he could make use of them to help enable virtual end-of-life care to take place. They would need to be capable of connecting to wifi, able to receive video calls (i.e. with an integrated camera) & have the charging lead & plug. Ron – the chaplain said that they can sort out software, Skype, Facebook or Zoom etc. Rev Mike Coe would be able to arrange collection. Please let me or Mike Coe know, thank you.

The URC *Reform* magazine is currently available for free. You can find it here: <https://www.reform-magazine.co.uk/>. Also, the current situation means that *Big Issue* magazine sellers cannot sell their magazines on the streets. Again, it is possible to buy the magazine through the computer online. All the proceeds are divided up across all *Big Issue* sellers so our regular seller should benefit from this although not as much as usual.

Please do get in touch if I, or any of the pastoral team can be of help in any way. And likewise, if you would like to stop receiving these emails and worship sheets then just let us know.

For the moment I wish you a meaningful and comforting Easter and look forward to that time when we can all meet up again together.

In the peace of Christ,

Roberta Topham
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