



A free phone line of hymns,  
reflections and prayers

From 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020 the Daily Hope phone line 0800 804 8044 will offer a free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has launched a free national phone line as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus.

The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

Callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop before being able to choose from a range of options, including hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on COVID-19.

Options available include materials also available digitally by the Church of England's Communications team such as Prayer During the Day and Night Prayer, updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England weekly national online service.

A section called Hymn Line offers callers a small selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love', provides a hymn and reflection and is based on an initiative by the Connections group

Archbishop Justin said:

*"With many in our country on lockdown, it's important that we support those who are feeling lonely and isolated, whatever age they are.*

*"The Daily Hope service will allow people to hear hymns, prayers and words that offer comfort and hope, especially in this Easter season.*

*"I want to urge people to spread the news about this service. If there is someone you know who is particularly struggling, give them a call and let them know about the Daily Hope. I'm going to phone a friend; will you join me?"*

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