

Recommended Resources for use at home

Live Streaming

Many vicars and cathedral staff are continuing to offer worship via social media channels. These can either be joined live or watched later at your convenience. Here are a few of the local ones.

St John's, Epping are live streaming services Wednesdays at 9.30am and Sundays at 10am

Their services page has access via Facebook live or YouTube <https://www.eppinganglicans.org.uk/services>

Chelmsford Cathedral clergy are live streaming morning prayer at 7:45am and evening prayer at 5:15pm daily on their Facebook page as well as a Sunday service at 10:30am.

<https://www.facebook.com/chelmsfordcathedral/>

They are also holding a virtual Stations of the Cross pilgrimage for Easter.

Our benefice Curate, Alex, is currently on placement but is streaming morning prayer each morning at 9:30 from her placement at St Marks - <https://www.facebook.com/St-Marks-Marks-Gate-Services-112330237069541/>

And one national plug - The church of England is putting out a Sunday service each week led by our Archbishops and Bishops. <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

Resources for Prayer and worship

There are many, many resources available online to aid with prayer and worship. Here are just a few that you might like.

The Church of England have full services of Morning, Evening and Night Prayer (Compline) available online each day for you to read or download. <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

The RSCM is uploading a hymn for the day for us to sing along to as well as a Sunday service for each week.

<https://www.rscm.org.uk/our-resources/hftd/>

Chelmsford Diocese have a weekly podcast with a sermon based on Sunday's readings. <https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/sermons>

The Church of England's Going for Growth project has lots of faith resources for using with children at home - including the "Worship at Home" service designed to help families worship together http://www.going4growth.com/growth_in_faith_and_worship/faith-in-the-home

Resources for children and young people

Several websites that normally charge for their content are making items free during this time enabling access to high quality content.

A few (plus some that were already free) are listed below.

Illustrated Children's Ministry is mailing out weekly activity sheets - they're good for all ages, but particularly for older children, youth and adults as they are quite intricate. (requires you to join a free mailing list)

www.illustratedministry.com/flattenthecurve

Roots are uploading activity and colouring sheets each week based on the lectionary readings. They also have an accompanying sheet for adults

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/>

Blackburn Diocese Board of Education produce a short bible-based podcast each Friday for children and their families to listen to together. There are suggested activities and discussion starters and a downloadable sheet to accompany each episode.

www.bdeducation.org.uk/podcasts/bible-podlets/

Engage Worship are uploading a daily prayer and worship activity that can be done with young children (and those young at heart!)

<https://engageworship.org/engage-at-home-daily-family-prayer-and-worship-activities>

Study Resources

I know many are using this time of enforced isolation to learn a new skill or explore some online learning. There are various resources that enables us to learn more about faith and theology. Most are designed for small group so could be done as a family or small group over social media but could also be undertaken individually.

Here are just a few that may be interesting.

Faith Pictures is a course designed by the Church Army to help Christians talk naturally to friends, neighbours and colleagues about what they believe.

https://www.churcharmy.org/Groups/266913/Church_Army/ms/Faith_Pictures/Faith_Pictures.aspx

Parenting for faith from the Bible Reading Fellowship. A course to help equip parents to raise God-connected children and teens <https://parentingforfaith.org/>

The Prayer Course is an eight part series exploring the Lords Prayer. <https://prayercourse.org/>

Christianity explored is a faith beginners' course. Many of the course video's are available online to watch <https://www.christianityexplored.org/>

FutureLearn offers short courses from universities around the world. Covering pretty much every topic you could imagine there are often theology or religious history courses offered. Courses are added all the time so its worth checking back occasionally if you don't find anything that appeals when you first look.

<https://www.futurelearn.com/>