



**ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, Hale Gardens, London W3 9SQ**  
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Dear all,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

Yesterday we received a letter (dated 7<sup>th</sup> January) from Cllr Julian Bell the leader of Ealing Council, requesting that all churches in the Borough of Ealing close with immediate effect for public worship and private prayer. The reason for this is that the number of Covid cases in our area has risen considerably and the NHS is struggling to cope.

The Standing Committee of St Martin's met at 6.00pm to discuss this and has decided to close the church for public worship, but we will continue to broadcast a service at 10am each Sunday on YouTube live with a small broadcasting team. Here is the link to our Youtube channel:

<https://youtu.be/mRdL2jDI-OY>

I am sorry if this is disappointing, I had hoped we could continue with public worship during this lockdown in a safe way. But in the context of our situation, I think the right thing to do is to work with our neighbours and do all we can to safeguard lives and help in whatever way we can.

Wishing you every blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. J. Palmer".

Julia Palmer

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