

## **Churches starting to open after lockdown**

Dear Friends,

We know being away from church for the last 3½ months has been very difficult for many of us but it was needed to protect people from Coronavirus. Thank you for all you have done to support the church and its people, it is much appreciated and demonstrates God's love in all you do.

As the country and churches start to ease from lockdown, we still need to continue to do all we can to protect people and keep everyone as safe as possible. The virus has not magically gone away, it is still there and the older we are, the more severe the outcomes seem to be should we catch it.

Therefore, as we start to unlock our churches, we are going to take things slowly and carefully; this is a strong and clear recommendation from our Diocese and the Church of England. The style of worship will, of necessity, be very different. But the one constant is that of God, our wonderful God who continues to love us and who we love to worship.

In moving slowly and progressively, we, together with the PCC, hope you will understand the measured way we are easing lockdown and the necessary changes to services. We don't know what will happen in the future but the one objective we have in all we are doing is to keep you as safe as possible. The enclosed leaflet will help you to understand the essential changes.

If anyone has any specific pastoral concern regarding these measures, please speak to Revd. Reg or Revd. Tracy.

Revs. Reg and Tracy