

Care in our Community during the Coronavirus outbreak

This is an anxious time for us all. However, it is also a time when people are rallying round and are seeking to support their neighbours, particularly those who are elderly or more vulnerable. It seems likely that the current situation will continue for a considerable period of time.

The BCCA and the Church are working together to offer support through this period. One of the big dilemmas is knowing who needs help, what assistance is required and when. As we pull together as a community and look out for each other, we suggest the following;

1. If you are well and active and willing to help you might like to reach out to your neighbours by phone / email or text to see if they need help.
2. Most of the housing in the Barthol Chapel Area is in small groupings. You might like to set up a local WhatsApp group so that you can keep in touch with one another on a regular basis.

If you need any help, or are aware of any situations which require more help than you can give, then please contact either of us and we will do our best to assist or find someone else who can assist.

Following the lockdown restrictions introduced on 23rd March, the church is closed but please check the following link for future updates;

<https://www.bartholchapel.com/kirk>.

We appreciate Internet access is poor for many but if you do have access please check the existing communication channels via the **website** (<https://www.bartholchapel.com>) or **Facebook** (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BartholChapel/>). Further local updates are also available at <https://www.facebook.com/tarvesbchaddocoronavirussupport>.

Also, please encourage your neighbours to use these links and if they want to be added to our email distribution list send email to bccachair@bartholchapel.com.

Finally, we have, sadly, heard of people taking advantage of this situation, so we would urge those who are receiving help, to make sure that you know the person who is making the offer. If you have any concerns in this regard, or if we can help in any other way, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We hope you stay well and stay safe.

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