

## Update from All Saints'

### Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn

**18 March 2020**

Hard to believe it has only been four days.

I walked out of the Chapel into the Courtyard at 10:00 a.m. this morning. and Richmond road was a ghost town. It was a little better after lunch as people walked the street.

- As far as closures go, we have now informed the **AA Groups** that the building will be closed on Saturday and on Sunday evening, so they will not be able to gather.
- In fact, the only thing really going on is the **Food Bank**, which is open again tomorrow from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., and the **Open Kitchen** program on Friday for those living in the Richmond Motel. These families have no cooking facilities other than a small hotplate, and there is nowhere to wash the dishes and pots other than in the small bathroom sink. We know it will be a very small gathering, but we hope they make use of the opportunity.
- Many of you let me know that you appreciated the little **Facebook** posting of our Morning Prayer yesterday. Adam and I are planning to have a little service on Sunday morning that we will post online as well. You will receive the bulletin tomorrow evening so that you can follow along.

So, finally, **a prayer** in these strange times:

*Eternal God, amid all the turmoil and changes of the world your love is steadfast and your strength never fails. In this time of danger and trouble, be to us a sure guardian and rock of defence. Guide the leaders of our nation with your wisdom, comfort those in distress, and grant us courage and hope to face the future; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.** [OSA, p. 393]*

Stay well, stay safe

Chris