

**Update from All Saints'
Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn**

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As I listen to the news and see how people are responding to requests for help, I am thinking more and more about those who are talking about our Global Solidarity—we are all in this together. There are signs of generosity, kindness, and acts of love. As you hear about the sacrifices that medical professionals, first responders, and personal support workers are making, give thanks for those who have stepped up in a big way.

These are early days, and there are many more challenges to come, but today I give thanks that so many turned up at All Saints' with food and donations for the Food Bank. It was a quiet day, because it was also cheque day for many of our recipients. Who knows what the coming days will bring.

As I continue to phone many of you, and others are helping with that as well, I largely find that we are coping for now with the Physical Distancing, with the self-isolation, and many report that they are well cared for. Please remember that you are loved, and you are part of a loving community.

If you are aware of any special prayer requests, please continue to let us know, so that we can add them to our weekly prayer list for the coming services.

Tonight's prayer was posted today by our Primate, the Most Rev. Linda Nicholls:

*We are not people of fear: we are people of courage. We are not people who protect our own safety: we are people who protect our neighbour's safety. We are not people of greed: we are people of generosity. We are your people God, giving and loving, wherever we are, whatever it costs, for as long as it takes, wherever you call us. **Amen.***

Please have a restful and peaceful night,

Chris