



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

St Mary's Bransgore
All Saints Thorney Hill
St Michael's Hinton
www.bransgoreandhinton.org
Sunday Service for 22nd
March 2020

In light of the Government guidance around non-essential contact, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued advice that public worship is suspended until further notice. Sadly, this means that we will not be conducting services or other events at All Saints, St Michael's or St Mary's for the time being. However, this is certainly not a time for your Christian faith to take a back seat!

- **Every Sunday morning we will be posting a film of a service** featuring some splendid hymns, readings, prayers and a short talk suitable for all ages. A variety of people from our three churches will be involved in this. Please make engaging with this a priority! A link to the service will be on the website and on our Facebook pages.
- We are working with our ecumenical friends to support the most vulnerable in our communities. As well as supporting our own Church family, **our particular focus will be on feeding children** who normally receive free school meals and their families.
- To this end, we'll be **collecting food** for meal packages and are looking into meal deliveries.
- **Volunteers** are to get in touch with Ben (01425 672850 / 07990695830 / vicar@bransgoreandhinton.org). Similarly, when you have found someone in need and have discussed it with them, please let us know how we can help them. More details of how you can help on the next page.
- If you're self-isolating, this may be a good time to get into better habits with prayer and Bible reading. Further details on our website.
- If you are able to so, please be in frequent contact with friends from Church and offer help if you are in a position to do so. Remember that we are all the Church and the response of the Church to this crisis is not just the responsibility of other people.



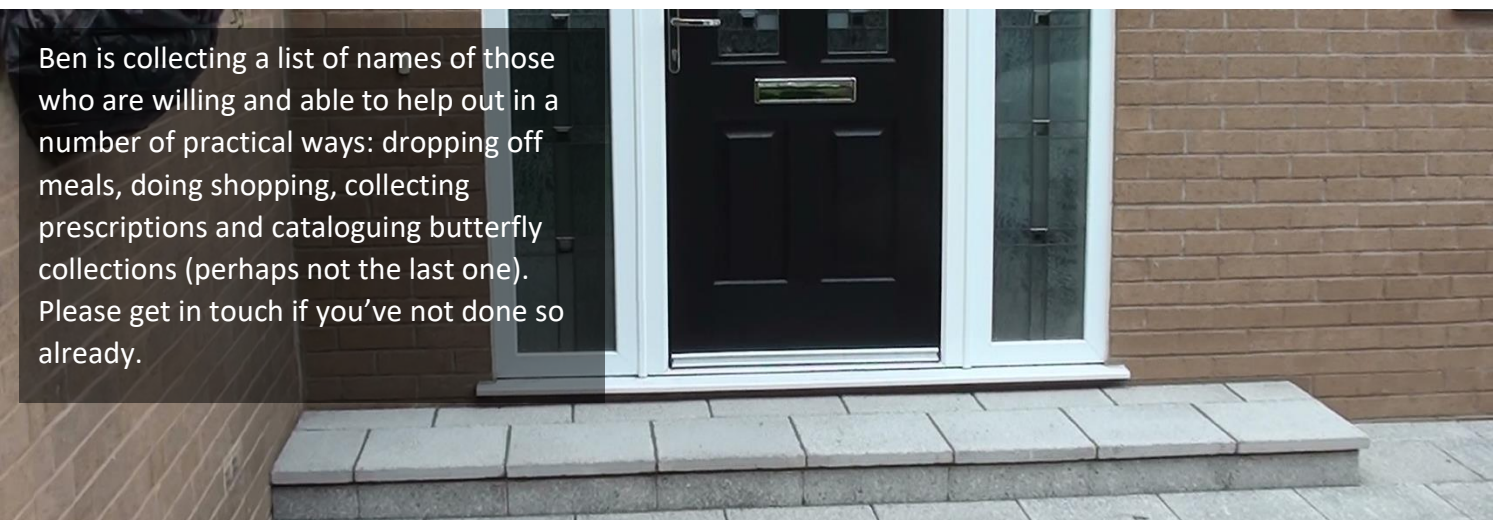
Meet outside St Mary's at 3.00pm on Thursday (26th) if you're well and able to walk around the village praying. The walk will be gentle and last about an hour.



We need two non-isolating volunteers to come and help prepare some meals for families in receipt of free school meals: Tuesday 24th March at 7.30pm in the Resource Centre. Please contact Ben.



Thank you so much to everyone who has kindly donated food to Church! We're working to ensure that no-one in the village goes hungry, with a particular focus on families whose children normally receive free school meals. Our friends at Bransgore Community Church will be focusing a bit more on vulnerable adults. At the moment, we particularly need donations of toilet paper, hand soap, biscuits, cheese, pasta, pasta source, UHT milk and coffee. Donations can be dropped off at the Vicarage - next to the Three Tuns car park. Thank you!



Ben is collecting a list of names of those who are willing and able to help out in a number of practical ways: dropping off meals, doing shopping, collecting prescriptions and cataloguing butterfly collections (perhaps not the last one). Please get in touch if you've not done so already.