

Urgent Message concerning Coronavirus

The Coronavirus, Covid-19, is affecting everyone in our communities. Sadly, we have had to suspend worship services in all the East Durham Methodist Churches. This is in line with Government guidance. Our churches will be abiding by this guidance which means that we will not be meeting for worship, fellowship or business on church premises or in homes.

However, we don't stop our Christian witness just because we are not able to meet together. We are committed to keeping in touch with each other by other means and caring for one another and for those in our local communities. If you have concerns for anyone please get in touch with either:

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Together we ask God for wisdom, compassion and protection in this time of fear and uncertainty. We remember the wise words of Paul to Timothy when he wrote: 'God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and self-control.'

A prayer for those affected by coronavirus

God of all hope we call on you today.
We pray for those who are living in fear:
fear of illness, fear for loved ones, fear of other's reactions to them.
May your Spirit give us a sense of calmness and peace.

We pray for your church in this time of uncertainty:
for those people who are worried about attending worship,
for those needing to make decisions in order to care for others,
for those who will feel more isolated by not being able to attend.
Grant us your wisdom.

Holy God, we remember that you have promised
that nothing will separate us from your love – demonstrated to us in Jesus Christ.
Help us turn our eyes, hearts and minds to you. Amen