



**“Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading”.**

**Oswald Chambers**

**Connect is available from 9am on Sunday [here](#).**

Dear members of St Luke's,

The Trustees have decided to suspend services in church for the foreseeable future but will continue to monitor the situation and will review this decision no later than 17th February.

This was not an easy decision to make but we felt that we have a responsibility to respond to the current spread of Covid 19 and to share in protecting public health. Many of our congregation, volunteers and leaders are among the most vulnerable groups. We in Lodge Moor have been lucky so far but the anticipated rapid spread of the new variant cannot be ignored. With vaccinations now taking place we have hope that meeting together for worship will not be too far off and we would not want to do anything to jeopardise that.

There will be an on-line service each Sunday, alternating between the Connect Service and the Google site service. Look out for the joint Church service on the fifth Sunday in January.

We hope we are reaching all of you with the notice sheet, website, Facebook, thought for the week, printed and telephone sermons and prayer. Do keep in touch with one another. Let us know if there is anything else we can do.

An extract from a statement by The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, who chairs the Church of England's Covid Recovery Group.

**“There is hope. The vaccination programme is underway and, as Christians, we have a deeper hope in God that comforts us beyond fear itself. Even in the midst of our darkest fears that hope brings light.”**

## January Online

<b>10th Jan</b>	Connect online
<b>17th Jan</b>	Google-site
<b>24th Jan</b>	Connect online
<b>31st Jan</b>	Joint Service



**Rev Chris:** We are pleased to report that Rev Chris is feeling better than he was. He is making a phased return to work over the next six weeks. As he will be working part time for the moment we would not wish him to be over burdened , we would be grateful if you would limit any contact to essentials and do not expect immediate replies to e-mails or calls. Many thanks. Churchwardens.

**Dial-a-Sermon:** You can listen to the weekly sermon by phoning 0114 478 2270. Calls cost the same as a local call.

**Virtual Tea & Coffee:** 'Virtual tea and coffee' via Zoom happens at 10:45 - 11:45am on Sundays. Do log in and say hello if you're able - it would be great to see you! We use breakout rooms to put folk into small groups to make chatting easier. Click [here](#) for the Zoom link. **Meeting ID:** 892 3089 3636 **Passcode:** 363092

**Thank you:** Win Beresford would like to thank everyone for the cards and letters she received following her admission to hospital before Christmas. She is now feeling much better and is currently in Darwin House Care Home at Crosspool.

**A Review of 'Life in a COVID-19 World' by Myra Wilson:** 'Jesus shows us that he can restore us to the life we were made for – a life that begins in this world but lasts into eternity.' This is a quote from a booklet by Tim Dennis entitled, Life in a COVID-19 World. The booklet reflects on the fears and anxieties that many of us have around COVID-19, and explains how Jesus is the only one who can provide certain hope in the face of suffering.

I found the booklet straight-forward to read and thought provoking as human stories were related to passages of scripture. I pray that, even in these dark times, you too will be filled with the hope that only knowing Jesus can bring. If you want to buy a copy of this to read yourself, you can find it at [www.10offhose.com](http://www.10offhose.com)

**Sad News:** Sadly, Marjory Kells, died on Thursday 31 December 2020, If you would like to attend the funeral in person, please email, [revjillkells@gmail.com](mailto:revjillkells@gmail.com). However, we do hope to record and live stream the service too, so all are welcome, if you would prefer to join online. Further details of the funeral will follow.



A free phone line of hymns,  
reflections and prayers