

# The Parish of North Wearside

To gather, To gether, To grow!

Please note that this information may change from day to day according to national advice received:

20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

- 1) All church gatherings for worship on Sundays or during the week has been suspended until further notice, including all church-led activities for families and children.
- 2) **Weddings, funerals, baptisms**
  - We will honour all bookings for weddings unless compelled to cancel or unless the family/couple cancels. However, for weddings we are advised that only the minimum legally required number of people should attend. The vicar, the couple, two witnesses and one verger.
  - Baptisms (Christenings) we will honour but also under the strict guidelines that the minimum number of people attend, the parents, the vicar. There will be minimal physical contact between the candidate (child) and the vicar.
  - We are currently open for funerals but we are advised as few people to attend as possible, preferably the vicar and the funeral director only.
  - When people attend the buildings at any time hand-washing at the door will be expected.
  - In all these cases we are offering the option to have an additional memorial/blessing service at a later date (on the anniversary or significant date) when guests and family can gather again for a more fitting service.
- 3) **Groups that use our premises:** We will not be cancelling bookings but letting the group leaders decide based on national advice and their own wisdom.

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4) We expect Holy Trinity, Southwick and St. Cuthbert's, Red House and be open for individual private prayer with people available to talk/pray with you:

- **10am – 12pm each Sunday** at **Holy Trinity and St. Cuthbert**
- **12 – 2pm Mon, Wed, Fri** at **Holy Trinity**
- **12 - 2pm Tues, Thursday** at **St. Cuthbert.**

Please keep looking on the website ([www.northwearsideparish.com](http://www.northwearsideparish.com)) or on the facebook page (Parish of North Wearside) for more information.