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Hello dear friends,

I hope this letter finds you well and still coping with our enforced shut-down? Although, as I say that, we are beginning to see signs of things coming back to normal with some show rooms and none essential shops re-opening for business next week, and of course we have been able to go out for many more walks and play golf for a few weeks now! All I can say is hurray! That is wonderful news and a light at the end of the tunnel. But on a note of caution, please do not throw all care to the wind as you rush off to Marks and Sparks to buy those new smalls, or as it is for me, not so smalls, or when you go rushing out to buy your new car, take care, the virus, it's still out there and not likely to go away for some time.

We have been told by the Government and the Diocese that there may be a possibility of churches re-opening in early July. Wonderful news, but I have to say, to date, and today is Wednesday May 27th, we have no specific details from either the Government or from the Diocese as to what "open" will be. Whatever it is, the PCC and I are beginning to start the planning on your behalf for "going back". This is not an easy job, there is much to consider to be able to keep people safe, as soon as we know any details, I will be happy to let you all know, but for the moment you know as much as I do. I know many of you are eager for us all to get back to church, as I am, I miss you all whenever I go in to church to pray; but I do know that many of you pray with me at our allotted times and that is so comforting to know your presence and that we still come together to worship God, even though we may be apart. But safety will be our priority, and so we begin to plan.

It is still a time of great worry for us all. "What will happen next" is a question I am asked by many. Isolation of vulnerable groups will soon be at an end, already we are seeing changes, relaxation of rules, both here in this country and all around the world. Help is still needed though, we still need to keep praying, it is the one thing we can all do for all our fellow brothers and sisters around the world, whoever they are wherever they may be. Please, keep our prayer chain going, 8.30am, 4pm, services on Sunday and at other indicated times, if we pray together, at given times, we create a circle of prayer around our community here at home, and on a wider basis. It is so important, please join me in doing so. Thank you.

Lord,

We pray for those infected by the coronavirus in the UK and around the world, for those who care for them, for health specialists and authorities who are combatting the spread of infection and for all who are feeling anxious at this time. Amen.

For those of you who join me on daily e-mails, thank you for your company. It is good to know so many of us are together, and lovely to hear from you all now and again.

I have, as ever, enclosed envelopes for those who would like to use the. A HUGE thank you goes out to those people who have opted to use a standing order, a no fuss method of donating!!! And a massive thank you to those who have battled down to the vicarage to put their envelopes through my door. Please keep filling the envelopes, every little helps. Thank you.

So once again, the message is keep going, keep praying and keep safe! I am constantly thinking of you all, holding you all close in prayer on a daily basis, and giving thanks that, as a congregation we are all still doing so well. Be kind to yourselves, and to each other, I am sure it will not be long now before we will be "out the other side".

With all my love and every blessing

Rev Rie

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