



Forthcoming Services:

For Christians, and those who are seeking the Lord, the opportunities we have to meet together to worship God, to pray, to read His

word and to listen to the preaching of it, are freedom and privilege that we hold precious; so it is with heavy hearts and with great reluctance that we have taken the solemn decision to suspend all public meetings due to the ongoing issue of Coronavirus (COVID-19). This decision will be kept under continual review but, in the meantime, we will continue to obey the command of Scripture to “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.” (Exodus 20:8) and, as families in our own homes, read the Bible, pray and listen to online preaching via reputable sources, such as our friends below, and would urge all to do the same at this time.

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*(If you do not have a Bible and would like a free one, please contact our Secretary:
01359 258986 or j.landymore@btinternet.com or drop a note in the church postbox)*

Perhaps, at such a time as this, this extract from a sermon preached by Charles Haddon Spurgeon on August 12th, 1866 during the London Cholera Epidemic is pertinent and entirely up to date.

A Metaphor of a Traveller

This is a metaphor taken from the traveller: “Can two walk together except they be agreed?”(Amos 3:3) which means, being interpreted, that it is no wonder if God does not continue to walk with a sinful people; that it is not expected that when a nation falls out with God, God should not continue to bless it. Two travelers have been walking together for some little time, but suddenly they fall to angry words and after a while one strikes the other and maltreats him. You cannot suppose that the person thus attacked will continue to walk with him who has maliciously assaulted him. They must part company. Now, when God walks with a nation that nation prospers, but if a nation falls to words with God and quarrels with him about his will and law, and rushes perversely into sinful courses nay, if there be some in it who would have no God at all, who do all to extricate his very name from the earth which he himself has made, then we cannot expect that God should continue to walk with such offenders. Brethren, let me ask you soberly, without fanaticism, to consider whether there has not been enough in England, and especially in this great city, to make God angry with us? Has there not been grievous disagreement between the dwellers of this country and God? Has there not been enough to make him say, “I will walk no more with this people: I will chasten them sorely, and send heavy judgements upon them”?

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I shall hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

(The Holy Bible - 2 Chronicles 7:14)

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