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Due to the Coronavirus Outbreak
this church will be CLOSED
for public worship on Sunday.

As you will be aware, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued the instruction that churches are **closed for public worship** this Sunday. Clearly those of you who are over seventy or have underlying health issues will by now be staying at home and self-isolating. Please continue doing that.

I felt that it was important to keep a sense of the church as a praying community which was why I gave out the prayer booklets last Sunday. This Sunday, Chris and I will be in each Church from 10.00am to midday so that the church is open for individuals to drop in for private prayer. This notice has been put up outside each church explaining this.

Today's reading from 1 Samuel 16:1-13 has the verse, "*Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.*" We live in a world in which outward appearance is valued and which places pressure on young people to conform to unattainable ideals. But the Christian message is that it what is within us that counts. In the Gospel reading (John 9) Jesus compares the physical blindness of the man who was healed at Siloam with the spiritual blindness of the Pharisees. Use this time of isolation and separation as a time of retreat to look within, then to turn our eyes to Jesus and to be open to God.

If you have anything you would like me to put into future letters please give me a ring.

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