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Dear friends,

We are living in difficult and worrying times for so many across the world and within our own local communities. We hold on to the words of Jesus, who said:

“Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age”. (Matthew 28:20, NRSV).

We remember that God in Christ is always with us, through all that we face. We remember to go on being a people of hope who are responsible for the care of all our sisters and brothers.

To offer the best care to one another that we can as a Circuit, we have taken the difficult decision to suspend public worship within all our local Churches for the foreseeable future. At our Circuit Leadership Team meeting today we prayerfully considered the updated Government and Methodist Church advice and agreed this is the only realistic option open to us.

Remembering God is always with us reminds us that we know being a Church means more than whether or not we are able to turn up to a building. We will go on offering worship and prayer and expressing our Christian commitment and care towards one another in the following ways:

1. Those who are able to access the internet and would value participating in a live streamed service can follow that (and find other resources) online at: www.methodist.org.uk/worship-during-coronavirus.
2. Those who cannot do this or would prefer a printed service with hymns, readings and a meditation/notes for reflection can ask for a copy by phoning the Circuit office (**020 8367 1338**) or sent by email by emailing Hilary on: enfieldcircuit@yahoo.com. The text of these will also be available on the Circuit website www.enfieldmethodistcircuit.co.uk.
3. Those in need of urgent supplies, delivery of essential shopping, posting mail or simply wanting a prayer or conversation over the phone are invited to contact the Circuit office on the same number and email as above. We plan to distribute postcards with this information to those who might find themselves shut in or isolated. We would value any offers of help to support this work: please let the Circuit Office know if you are able to help.
4. We are planning to have recorded messages from Circuit staff available and updated each week where possible. You can find a link to these recordings on the Circuit website here: www.enfieldmethodistcircuit.co.uk
5. We are asking for everyone to keep in phone/email/social media contact with one another to encourage support and prayer. Your Ministers and the Circuit Staff continue to be available for phone conversations to offer pastoral support and prayer. One particular initiative has been suggested by one of our Circuit members: We are invited wherever we are at 12 noon each day to spend time in prayer for everyone affected by this virus and for those who are seeking to care for others.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now, and for evermore.

With the love and prayers of all the Enfield Circuit Leadership Team.
