A message from your local Church.

Dear Friends

Please find attached to this letter some resources for prayer from Rev Anna Burr. There are also various technology solutions if you would like to try this out, do contact Rev Becky on 07984742269. We already have two new WhatsApp members on our Wednesday home group chat!

Rev Becky is involved in setting up the Carlton network of support for anyone self isolating. If you would like more information do let her know and do pray this goes well. We will be delivering pharmacy prescriptions, walking dogs, and possibly delivering food and supplies if this goes on a long time.

We hope you are getting a phone call from one of us regularly. Do reach out to anyone you know who might be struggling. If you would like to be included in our phone contacts, please ring either Rev Becky on 01757 335644 or Rev Anna on 01757 270325

Thought for the week

The Bible Reading we would have heard this Sunday is John 11.1-45 when Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. Can you imagine the frustration of his friends, when Jesus gets the message but continues to stay for 2 days in the place he is working! Sometimes God's timing can be frustrating when we are praying for help, but we must not despair, as it can be a better outcome than we ever imagined when he does respond. For example, two years ago I was really worried about giving up our home in York, as it meant so much to us. However now we are now self isolating in an amazing space with lots of fresh air, and room to play for the children. The Diocese take care of all repairs and both Steve and I have secure employment. I feel incredibly blessed, knowing God had this all prepared for me when I was packing boxes in our cul-de-sac in York! So a final prayer…

Unshakeable God, you are my ever-present help in times of trouble. Amidst all the isolation, grief and fear caused by this crisis, renew in me your peace, restore to me your perspective, and reveal to me your presence as I spend this time with you now. **Amen.**