

Subject: Coronavirus - Burpham and Wepham

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FROM BURPHAM VILLAGE COMMITTEE and THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The government's press conference tonight made it clear that the coronavirus epidemic is going to continue for a some time. Now is the time for us to make sure we work together effectively as a community.

This is a joint email about the epidemic from Burpham Village Committee and St Mary the Virgin Parochial Church Council. It's for those living in Burpham and Wepham.

This is our first email. We will be sending out emails from time to time during the epidemic, to make it easier for us to support each other during this difficult time.

We'll also try and keep you up to date with any local information. Do let us know of anything local you think could usefully be shared more widely. Our contact details are below.

BURPHAM AND WEPHAM SUPPORT NETWORK

You may have heard that we are setting up a Support Network in Burpham and Wepham. People who join the network can make daily phone calls to each other to check all is well, and can use the Network to ask for assistance with practical tasks.

If you think you might like to join, please do contact us (details below).

We are starting to contact some people who are not on email and who might like to join the Network. **Do you know anyone like that?** - do tell them about the Network and give them one of our phone numbers.

The Support Network will need some volunteers who can get around to do small tasks (e.g. shopping, collecting medicines). Probably it won't involve much time. **Are you willing to be put on a list, to help if needed?**

CHURCH

The church will remain open as always.

WRISC

You probably already know of our local charity, the Warningcamp Relief in Sickness Charity which can provide certain types of assistance to residents of Burpham and Wepham (and other local villages). Details are here:

<https://burphamandwepham.org.uk/groups/warningcamp-relief-in-sickness-charity/>

EVENTS

There are a number of village events planned over the next few months. The organisers of each event will let you know of any change of plans via email.

NOTICES

We will keep you up to date with local news by email. The same information will be posted on the two parish noticeboards (by Wepham post box, and on the Village Hall) and on the notice board in the church porch.

INFORMATION AND ADVICE

A reliable source of advice is this NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

I am afraid we are not qualified to give advice, but are happy to talk things over with you if you'd like an informal phone chat.

FINALLY . . .

We all know that this is an unprecedented and serious situation, and we all want to pull together, and do our bit for each other. We hope this makes a start. If you have any ideas for other ways we might support each other during this difficult time, do get in contact – now, or whenever the ideas occur to you!

Trevor and Monica Cooper are co-ordinating responses for the moment, so please reply to one of them, or feel free to contact either of us (Celia or Paul) direct. It would be easier if you *didn't* reply to Bob Baynes on his email address.

With very best wishes

The Revd Celia Woodruff, Vicar, St Mary's Burpham

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