



# **St Mark's Church**

## **Coronavirus - Covid 19**

### **Protecting Each Other**

St Mark's Church will seek at all times to follow the guidance of the relevant statutory authorities to ensure correct policy and practice in relation to Coronavirus. The responses which we make will follow a rapidly evolving situation and we will seek to discover the best way to implement guidance by the NHS, PHE and CofE.

- There is no immunity from Coronavirus and symptoms include fever and a cough that may progress to severe pneumonia, causing shortness of breath and breathing difficulties.
- It has the potential to spread widely although some when infected will exhibit no symptoms. The great majority who catch it will have a mild to moderate but self-limiting illness. A minority will develop severe illness and, sadly, some will die. The risks are greater for people with weakened immune systems like older people, and those with long term conditions.
- At present there is no widespread community transmission of the disease. Nevertheless it is prudent to ensure our practices and plans are in place should the outbreak get worse.

#### **What we will do now**

- We will ensure good quality hygiene across all activities taking place at St Mark's Church Community Centre to limit transmission.
- We will continually review customs and practices in the light of best advice in order to limit transmission
- We will display information posters such as the NHS Catch it, Bin It, Kill it
- We will seek ways in which to offer practical and pastoral support for members of our community, especially the elderly, frail and those living alone through activities such as Telecare

Dear God our Shield and our Defender, guide and protect my neighbour in this time of health emergency; deliver them from all harm and may your love and care ever grow in this place. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.