



Branston and Burton, All Saints  
with Christchurch  
*The Love of Jesus Transforming Lives*

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Dear Church family,  
You will have no doubt heard by now that during the lockdown public worship is not permitted. So, it is with great sadness that as it stands at the moment, I have to inform you that both All Saints and St Saviour's Church will be closed for the next four weeks for public worship.

In a letter to all clergy from the Archbishop of Canterbury and York and the Bishop of London said

*"However, worship online still means that the people of God do not have access to the sacraments which are so central to our life in Christ. This is a huge loss and since we were not consulted about the lockdown provisions, **we fully intend to speak with government about why certain exemptions are made and not others**, emphasising the critical role that churches play in every community. The sacramental life of the church cannot be seen as an optional extra. Nor can we separate out our worship from our service, it is always both and not either or."*

I know I don't have to remind you that we, the people are the church and that although we cannot worship inside church we can meet online (details below) or in our homes. Furthermore, in their letter the Archbishop's and Bishop ask that

*"Bearing in mind our primary vocation as the Church of Jesus Christ to pray and to serve **we call upon the Church of England to make this month of lockdown, a month of prayer**. More than anything else, whatever the nation thinks, we know that we are in the faithful hands of the risen Christ who knows our weaknesses, tiredness and struggles and whose steadfast love endures for ever."*

I thank each one of you for your patience and understanding during this time. And remember nothing can take away the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Yours in the service of Christ

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