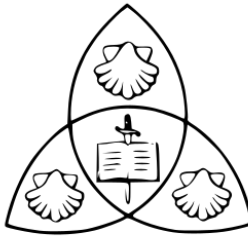


Let's worship at Home

Bushey Parish



Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

WORSHIP AT HOME

With our church currently unable to offer Sunday worship, this booklet is designed to help you to maintain a short time of worship at home.

It can be prayed on Sunday morning as part of your usual Sunday worship (maybe at 9.30am when we usually gather), or at any other time that feels suitable for you.

Whilst the church is closed to public worship, Guy, Tim and Andy will be live streaming worship across all three church facebook pages.

This booklet is only a guide to help you maintain worship. You can add and alter as you feel suitable to your needs.

This booklet has been designed for you to pray either alone or as a household group (hence the directions show both all/self).

As you prepare:

- Choose a place where you can sit comfortably – it might be on the floor, round a table or even in the garden (if the weather is good enough!). A rug or cushions might make it more comfortable if you are sitting on the floor.
- If you are praying as a household, you may decide to have one person to lead the ‘time to pray’, or pray as a group as the words come to you. A prayer for Corona Virus has been included, on the front cover if you wish to use this.
- *Gather the things that will help create a sacred space – we suggest a cross, Bible and candle (a palm cross and candle have been provided).*

TIME TO GATHER

All/self We usually go to church to worship God with God's people, but today *we are/I am* being church here in this place.

All/self God is with us.

Place the cross in the middle of your gathering.

All/self God is with us.

Place the Bible in the middle of your gathering.

All/self: God is with us.

Light the candle and place it in the middle of your gathering.

All/Self God is with us – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Time to Say Sorry

All/Self Lord we are sorry about the times we forgot we are followers of Jesus. The times we were unkind or hurtful, the times we did not care for the world or other people. When we say sorry to God, God promises to forgive us.

All/Self May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bible reading

Choose a passage from the bible readings provided for that Sunday or a story from the Bible that feels currently appropriate for you.

Read and in a few moments of silence consider the bible passage. What does it say about God to you? How does it help you to live your Christian life?

If there is more than one of you, you may wish to discuss as a group.

Time To pray

If praying alone offer your prayers up to God

If there is more than one person, either pray as a group or let one person lead on behalf of all present

Pray for yourself in your isolation, that God would sit with you

Pray for others in their loneliness

Pray for our country and its needs

Pray for the world

Finish your prayers by saying the Lord's prayer

All/Self

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Time to End

All/Self

May the Lord's touch heal us;
May his words inspire us,
May his way give us life.
And may the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Be among us
And remain with us always
Amen.