

Unfortunately we will not be holding services  
or running midweek  
activities here until further notice.

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.  
Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.  
The Lord Almighty is with us; He says, 'Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.'*

**Psalms 46:1, 6, 7a, 10 (NIV)**

*Over the coming weeks the Sunday Page will take on a different look but we will endeavour to keep you up to date with everything.*

### **Pastoral concerns**

Please do not hesitate to call our Minister Rev. Andy Mills, (01460 65904) if you need to chat about anything at this difficult time, he probably will not be able to visit, but he is always willing to offer a listening ear.

### **Chard Churches Together Events**

The Good Friday Walk of Witness as you would expect has been cancelled this year, as has the Pentecost Picnic at Forde Abbey. It is very unlikely that the holiday club will be running either this year.

### **Light a candle of hope: A national call to prayer**

The Presidents of Churches Together in England have issued a call to prayer in the light of the Coronavirus pandemic. This is for all churches and people of prayer to join on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Mothering Sunday.

This Mothering Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, we are calling all churches to a National Day of Prayer and Action. At such a time as this, when so many are fearful and there is great uncertainty, we are reminded of our dependence on our loving Heavenly Father and the future that he holds.

At 7pm this Sunday, light a candle in the windows of your homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer.

*Safety note - please take all necessary fire precautions when using a lit candle. Ensure you remain with the lit candle at all times, and do not leave it to burn if you leave the room. Ensure there are no fabrics or materials such as curtains near the candle. If you are able to use a small electric 'candle' instead, that will be safe to leave unattended.*

### **Blackdown Hills Mens Breakfast**

Please note the breakfast scheduled for March 21 is cancelled (as you might expect!) The next due date of May 16 will be reviewed nearer the time. Please note: the new venue for this event is The York Inn, Churchinford. Car parking at the Village Hall just up the road from the Pub.

## The Lord's Larder

The Lord's Larder have been especially busy over the last couple of months. We are pleased to have been able to help. We anticipate that Coronavirus will increase the demand.

It does mean, however, that we need to build up our stocks. We are a small charity so we cannot hold large stocks. We always need to top up the direct giving of food items and we would usually do this by buying in small batches from the supermarkets. However, with the threat of Covid-19, suddenly the shelves are short of our staple supplies. The added complication of restrictions on the number of items customers can buy also applies to us so we are limited in what stocks we can buy. We are also mindful of not wanting to aggravate the situation by buying too much at one time.

We are asking that when you shop please can you get in the habit of buying an extra item to donate either in the supermarket collection points or directly to Forefront. We would be really grateful.

We are particularly in need of: - tinned vegetables of all sorts, pasta, rice and pasta sauces, tinned tomatoes, tinned meats & fish, jam, long life milk, teabags and coffee.

With the risk of Coronavirus at this time we have also started to include bars of soap, so we do need these too.

Thank you for your continuing support

Chard Lord's Larder Team

## About Chard Baptist Church

### Our Coffee Shop

Unfortunately our Coffee Shop, The Welcome Bap, will be closed until further notice due to the advice regarding the Coronavirus. We wish all of our customers well in this difficult time.

### Pastoral support

Andy Mills (our minister), is usually contactable on Mon, Tue, Wed and Thurs mornings in the church on 65904. Andy's day off is Friday.

### Contact details:

You can contact the church in the following ways:

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