

Dear Friends

Following the Government's announcement that Churches may open for private prayer, we have been working hard to make this possible. We are aware that many in our communities have lost loved ones during the time of lockdown or have found isolation from family and friends really difficult, so we are delighted that we can offer a quiet space for reflection and prayer. Our churches are special places and we hope that you will find not only stillness, but also the presence and peace of God, when you visit.

Carlton Church will be open for visits on Sunday afternoons between 2pm and 5pm.

Drax Church will be open for visits on Wednesdays from 10am to 1pm.

To book a slot please contact:

Margaret Clayton for Carlton on 01405 862026 or Annette at Drax on 01757 618389 or email rev.becky.allright@gmail.com If you have a query please ask!

We will staff our buildings with volunteers who will wear masks and gloves and also keep to an appropriate social distance. They will ask you to use hand sanitiser on entry and exit. They will also clean the area available for the public after each visit. We will ask you to give us your name and contact details, just in case we need them for Covid- contact tracing. We will operate a 'one way system' through our church building and restrict the numbers entering. Please bring your own Bible or Prayer Book. There will be single use sheets with reflection ideas available, which we will ask you to take home with you, if you have used them. Our volunteers will be pleased to light a candle for you, on request. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide easy access for people with limited mobility. We are also not able to offer the use of our toilet or changing facilities or refreshments.

Because of continuing restrictions we have to ask that:

Where possible you book a time to come to church.

You do not come if you or anyone you live with, or with whom you have been in contact in the last 7 days, has symptoms of Covid-19.

If you bring a child/children with you, they must be under your control and not allowed to wander into closed off areas. These will be clearly marked. This is for your safety and for the safety of others.

If you call by without a booked slot, you may have to wait until the church is free; unfortunately we cannot allow different groups in the building at the same time.

We look forward to seeing you – at a safe distance!

*God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*