



# MINISTRY UPDATE

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Following the latest instructions from the government and the Church of England, our buildings are now closed and staff are working from home. This means that the churches can no longer be open for private prayer and streaming services, but please be assured that **our ministry to you and everyone in the parish very much continues in the ways listed below.**

Observing all safeguarding, government instructions and health protocols, the list below is effective 1 April. We intend to continue to develop our ministry in the weeks ahead.

### Services on Sunday

- ◇ A communion service will be posted on the church website and YouTube channel
- ◇ A contemporary service will be live streamed on the church YouTube channel and website at 11am and then be available on the church website and YouTube channel. This will include music, bible reading, short talk and prayers.

### Teaching

- ◇ Sermons are included in both online services
- ◇ A short reflection will be posted on-line during the week

### Prayer

- ◇ Resources to assist prayer at home are posted on the church website
- ◇ Requests for prayer are welcomed. Email Sharon Seal or call 07387 015643
- ◇ Every morning (Monday-Friday), the ministry team continue to meet through video conferencing to say Morning Prayer together

### Pastoral Care & Care for The Community

- ◇ Proactive phone calls by the pastoral team
- ◇ Practical help - delivery of prescriptions, shopping and meals to those in need
- ◇ Foodbank – donations gratefully received in the collection box outside the car park entrance of St George's church. Donations will be taken to the Epsom & Ewell Foodbank.

### Children and Families

- ◇ Resources for use at home will be posted on the church website. Here is our first set of material: [SGSG Kids - The Last Supper](#)
- ◇ We will keep in regular contact with parents and carers

### Young People

- ◇ New content & communication on the rebranded [SMASHTEAD Instagram](#) and [SMASHTEAD YouTube](#) for youth and students
- ◇ Sunday evening live stream at 7pm followed by Whatapp discussion groups
- ◇ We will keep in regular contact with young people
- ◇ Weekly life groups are taking place digitally

### Sung Worship

- ◇ Listen to hymns, contemporary worship songs and calm music through our curated playlist on the SGSG Ashtead [Spotify channel](#)

### Communication

- ◇ Daily updates on church website
- ◇ Weekly email from Rector (Saturday)
- ◇ Instagram posts
- ◇ Facebook posts
- ◇ YouTube channel

Thank you for your participation in prayer and to all who volunteer as we minister in new and changing ways.