



Oakwood Church

A Methodist-Anglican Partnership

Church Opening for Private Prayer

The church building will be open for private prayer –

Sunday 22nd March

10.00 – 12.00

16.00 – 17.30

This is not a gathering for public worship. It gives opportunity for people to make a deliberate time and space in their week for prayer and devotion.

Doing this together (though socially distanced) means we continue to express our solidarity as God's people, and our collective desire to pray for the church, the community, the nation and the world.

Many of us will be staying home to pray, and this is also a valued part of our fellowship together. We encourage people who are self-isolating to also pray during these times.

Key practical issues –

- **We encourage people who are vulnerable to the virus (over-70s and those with underlying health conditions) not to attend.**
- **We ask that people do not stay longer than ten minutes to avoid too many people being in the building at once.**
- On arrival please use the washrooms to wash your hands. Also do this before departure.
- People will be invited to sit apart and pray quietly on their own.
- Please avoid conversations inside or congregating outside – observe the guidance to maintain social distance whenever possible.
- The continuance of this opening of the building for prayer depends on whether people are available to steward it, and the guidance issued by the Church of England and the Methodist Church – we will announce details week by week.