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THE UNITED RIFORMED CHURCH – Updated advice to churches about coronavirus (19 March 2020)

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<https://urc.org.uk/latest-news/3365-urc-issues-coronavirus-advice-to-its-churches> (<https://urc.org.uk/latest-news/3365-urc-issues-coronavirus-advice-to-its-churches>)

The United Reformed Church (URC) is offering advice and resources from a variety of sources about the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic.

- United Reformed Church House and the URC Bookshop are closing at 5pm today (19th). Details of how to get in touch with staff during the closure will be available on this website shortly. No orders can be processed by the bookshop until further notice.
- Schools and colleges will be closed after March 20 and GCSEs and A Level exams in England and Wales have been cancelled (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-51956279>).
- The BBC and ITV have revamped their schedules to include more religious services, fitness, education and recipe programmes.
- The URC has advised its churches that have not already suspended all acts of worship, physical meetings, and other church activities, to consider doing so as a proper response to the Government's guidance. Read the letter of March 17 from John Proctor, the URC General Secretary: [PDF version](#) (https://urc.org.uk/images/Communications/docs/3_200317_Pastoral_Letter.pdf) or [Word version](#) (https://urc.org.uk/images/Communications/docs/3_200317_Pastoral_Letter.docx).

- The URC has also issued guidance about weddings and funerals. Read the letter as a [PDF](https://urc.org.uk/images/Communications/docs/200317-weddings-and-funerals.pdf) (<https://urc.org.uk/images/Communications/docs/200317-weddings-and-funerals.pdf>) or [Word document](https://urc.org.uk/images/Communications/docs/200317_Weddings_and_Funerals.docx) (https://urc.org.uk/images/Communications/docs/200317_Weddings_and_Funerals.docx).
- There is [further guidance for all churches](https://www.urcwestmidlands.org.uk/covid19.html) (<https://www.urcwestmidlands.org.uk/covid19.html>) from the URC's West Midlands Synod.
- Full services will be available from the [URC's Daily Devotions website](https://devotions.urc.org.uk/devotions/2020/03/17/sunday-worship-during-the-pandemic/) (<https://devotions.urc.org.uk/devotions/2020/03/17/sunday-worship-during-the-pandemic/>), each Sunday. The Daily Devotions offers a daily Bible reading, reflection and prayer. [Visit the website](https://devotions.urc.org.uk/devotions/2020/03/17/sunday-worship-during-the-pandemic/) (<https://devotions.urc.org.uk/devotions/2020/03/17/sunday-worship-during-the-pandemic/>) to read or listen to today's devotion, and to subscribe to them if you would like them sent by email. The writers, editors and those that record the devotions are all volunteers, from across the URC.
- A [comprehensive list of churches](https://urc.org.uk/latest-news/3385-coronavirus-worshipping-digitally) (<https://urc.org.uk/latest-news/3385-coronavirus-worshipping-digitally>) offering live streamed services, sermons as podcasts, recorded services on YouTube, audio files of services and sermons and other resources has now been published.
- The Joint Public Issues Team is building up [an online hub](http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/coronavirus/) (<http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/coronavirus/>) for the sharing of needs, opportunities and stories of good practice. This has started with a guide to supporting foodbanks.
- Visit the [information guides page on this website](https://urc.org.uk/information-guides) (<https://urc.org.uk/information-guides>) for guidance about using WhatsApp, to keep in touch with members and friends of your church, and about the recording of podcasts.
- The Moderators of the General Assembly, the Revd Nigel Uden and Derek Estill, [have offered the following prayer](https://urc.org.uk/latest-news/3384-a-prayer-for-uncertain-times) (<https://urc.org.uk/latest-news/3384-a-prayer-for-uncertain-times>) as the UK and the rest of the world come to terms with the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic.
- Follow the URC on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/TheUnitedReformedChurch/) (<https://www.facebook.com/TheUnitedReformedChurch/>) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/unitedreformed) (<https://twitter.com/unitedreformed>) for updates, ideas and resources, as well as the [latest advice from the UK government](https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>).
- The latest advice from the NHS can be found [on its website](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/) (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>). **If you feel or become unwell** (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>), **always seek the advice of your GP or call the NHS Helpline on 111 from landlines or mobiles.**
- The BBC has produced a [step by step guide to help prevent the spread of the virus](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51711227) (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51711227>).
- If your building is open, have hand sanitisers available for members and visitors to use.
- Regularly phone those who are unable to come to church.
- Do not visit those in self-isolation, and follow local healthcare professional advice for visiting those in care homes or hospital. Take extra care with hand washing before and after visits.
- Remember to also [clean your phone](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/technology-51863924/coronavirus-how-to-clean-your-smartphone-safely) (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/technology-51863924/coronavirus-how-to-clean-your-smartphone-safely>) or device.
- Remind people about resources from the URC like the [Daily Devotions](https://devotions.urc.org.uk/) (<https://devotions.urc.org.uk/>) which offers a daily Bible reading, reflection and prayer, and now services on Sundays.
- Consider developing a continuity plan to include what the church should do if a member becomes unwell, or if the minister becomes unwell.
- Read the latest advice from [The Church of England](https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches) (<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>), [The Methodist Church](https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/news/latest-news/all-news/the-methodist-church-coronavirus-guidance-and-resources/) (<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/news/latest-news/all-news/the-methodist-church-coronavirus-guidance-and-resources/>) or [The Church of Scotland](https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/advice-for-churches-covid-19-coronavirus) (<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/advice-for-churches-covid-19-coronavirus>). Also read the latest advice from the [UK Government](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>) and keep up to date with [Coronavirus-related news stories from the BBC](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/cyz0z8w0ydwt/coronavirus-outbreak) (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/cyz0z8w0ydwt/coronavirus-outbreak>).

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