

Resources for Churches, Congregation and Families



CPO – Christian Publishing and Outreach

<https://www.cpo.org.uk/catalogue.aspx?cat=80329> -

CPO have lots of free resources for Churches in the crisis of the Coronavirus and lots of other brilliant resources to help support Churches, Congregations and Communities at this difficult time as we find new ways of being a Church.

Lots of the resources are download free and are helpful in providing ways of communicating with families and church parishioners who are vulnerable and need support at this difficult time. Some of these are for example, Self-Isolation and Kindness Cards to send out to those who may need support, Here to help posters, cards and lots more.



HOPE TOGETHER-

<https://www.hopetogether.org.uk/Group/Group.aspx?ID=337729>

Coronavirus is spreading an epidemic of fear though our country.

As churches we want to counter fear with practical love and service, and we want to be prepared to give the reason for the hope we have (1 Peter 3:15).



Roots Resources

www.rootsontheweb.com/

During the pandemic ROOTS is offering **free** resources to use at home every week on the ROOTS website.



The Bible Reading Fellowship

<https://mailchi.mp/brf/practical-help-for-families-and-churches?e=46fb63e48a&fbclid=IwAR2z3gpNA8K6T2PEokPtYLdBKt-iQLI28snojY99Za2QpXq4iiM3pb0zbtc>

In this time of social distancing we've been thinking up **new ways to support churches, schools, families and those living on their own**, in line with our mission to 'enable people of all ages to grow in faith'. We hope some of these initiatives will help you, your church, your family and your community. Please feel free to forward this email to anyone you think would benefit.



BRF Online

https://www.brfonline.org.uk/products/spiritual-resource-package?utm_source=BRF+E-News&utm_campaign=5e33a79fdd-BRF_E-

[News Sales Spiritual Res Package&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_01f315e404-5e33a79fdd-307699497&mc_cid=5e33a79fdd&mc_eid=46fb63e48a&fbclid=IwAR1KH9B5kSc3pun_6-GMTmJZoaZEkgv2fWQMOUaMeuu601TfDiUuRPUD85w](https://www.brfonline.org.uk/products/spiritual-resource-package?utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_01f315e404-5e33a79fdd-307699497&mc_cid=5e33a79fdd&mc_eid=46fb63e48a&fbclid=IwAR1KH9B5kSc3pun_6-GMTmJZoaZEkgv2fWQMOUaMeuu601TfDiUuRPUD85w)

This spiritual resource package is the ideal gift to boost spirits of church families, friends and loved ones in self-isolation. Featuring two engaging activity books for adults and a handbook to anxious times



Churches Together in England

<https://www.cte.org.uk/>

Coronavirus guidance

Signposting you to Church Guidance and Prayer Resources

https://www.cte.org.uk/Articles/571088/Home/News/Latest_news/Prayers_of_Hope.aspx?redirected=1

Thousands of Christians [lit candles and prayed last Sunday](#) at 7.00 pm and want to keep the prayer going.

While the online witness was extraordinary, we are aware that not many people were outside to see the candles – and the lighter evenings will make them less visible in the weeks to come. So Churches Together in England is offering a poster to encourage #prayersofhope.

Download the poster below. There's one for you if you can print in colour, or a black & white version if you prefer, or one to colour in. If you're from another country, there's a version without words so that you can add your own.



Thy Kingdom Come

10 Ideas to help your church continue to worship while not gathered

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/stories/10-ideas-help-your-church-continue-worship-while-not-gathered>

Join the global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. May 21st - May 31st 2020

Resources Online Now

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>



Premier Daily Devotionals -

<https://www.premierchristianradio.com/Shows/Weekday/Be-Still-Know/Daily-Devotionals> -

Receive a free daily scripture direct to your phone by text message and transform your day with Gods love for you – Sign up for free!



24/7 Prayer – Prayers during COVID 19 and Daily Devotionals

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/coronavirusprayer> -

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/dailydevotional>

[24/7 Prayer have put together some guidance resources for Prayer during this difficult time. An example of one is 60-minute guided Prayer to help you pause and pray for Coronavirus. They also have a family friendly Prayer Guide for Families and Children to join in together aswell.](#)



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C of E Daily Prayer -

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/daily-prayer#na>

[churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer](https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer)



The Bible Society – Daily Reflections

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/daily-reflection/>

Bible Society's Daily Reflections follow the M'Cheyne Bible reading plan, designed for those who want to read the whole Bible in one year. Each reflection focuses on one of its four daily chapters.



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

New Mental Health Reflections published by the Church of England

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/news/new-mental-health-reflections-published-church-england>

A series of reflections on how to cope with anxiety and loneliness in the face of the coronavirus pandemic, including simple Christian meditation techniques and five tips, are published today by the Church of England.

Families in our Churches – Home Resources



Faith in Homes -

<https://www.facebook.com/faithinhomes/>

Faith in Homes is an area of The Bible Reading Fellowship offering ideas and resources to support families to live out the Christian faith in the home.

Worship for Everyone (with Nick and Becky Drake)

<https://www.youtube.com/user/worshipforeveryone>

[Nick and Becky Drake](#) - Uniting the big family of God in worship.



Be Space

https://bespace.be/what-we-do/virtual-prayer-spaces/?fbclid=IwAR2eAnan2bNstGmJLlp0Uvqn-RXWyuJ0x_ZA63-QOjiAUQVKRDdmg03p710

[Free activity sheets for praying at Home! Be Calm. Be Still, Be Clean and Be Kind](#)



Prayer Spaces in Schools -

<https://www.prayerspacesinschools.com/resources/177>

These activities have been developed to be used at home during the coronavirus pandemic.

These prayer activities were adapted from various sources (including 24-7 Prayer) to enable people to reflect and express their hopes and prayers at home.



Prayer Spaces in Schools (Prayer Spaces at Home)

https://www.facebook.com/prayerspacesinschools/?_tn=%2Cd%2CP-R&eid=ARCTXd8O7hstppltLWuOa9NBrRK4buMyjATbKmcF9D63VLF0TGBu7zxumIX1gm7lgCl4zoSY65VmooA6

Introducing Prayer Spaces at Home!

We are really excited to launch the first of a series of new prayer activities that you can do with your families from the comfort of your own home!



Youth for Christ -

yfc.co.uk/church-resources-covid-19-response/ -

They are going to be releasing 6 videos per week on the Youth for Christ website (Monday, Wednesday and Friday); 3 for 7-11s and 3 for 11-18s.

They will also be launching videos for families each week. These will look at engaging the whole family in faith over the next few weeks and will be ideal for the families of those in your groups and churches.



Messy Church – Bringing this Home

<https://www.facebook.com/messychurchBRF>

Messy Church have created logos to help Messy Churches adapt their ministry around COVID-19.

Lucy (Director of Messy Church) is holding Live Messy Church Q&A Sessions on Facebook and Instagram.



Together at Home

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/613930636117980/>

A place to access "Together at Home" resources for churches to share.

In these challenging times I'm going to be producing a weekly resource that can be shared with families encouraging them to spend time "Together at Home" - exploring Bible stories whilst churches are closed.

Please share the resources with anybody who you think might find it useful. The first week's resource explores the story of Jesus calming the storm and thinks about how Jesus is with us even when we feel afraid.



The Bible Society

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/>
<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/latest/news/coronavirus-a-message-from-bible-society/>

Wherever you are on your journey with the Bible, our range of resources and study tools will help bring the

Bible to life in your home, church, small group or community. You can [study the Bible](#), [read](#) it, [search](#) it or [browse our articles](#).



Pinterest

https://www.pinterest.co.uk/margaret_pritch/home-worship-and-pastoral-care-for-coronavirus/

Home worship, and pastoral care, for coronavirus



Faith in Kids

<https://www.facebook.com/faithinkids/> - live videos of

'kids church', Podcasts and blog posts

<https://faithinkids.org/>

'ready-to-go' children's talks, RE Lessons, Sunday School Sessions, Kids Slots, All-Age Services and school assemblies!



Ministry Ark

<https://ministryark.com/> - Family Devotionals released weekly

<https://ministryark.com/printable/worry-busters-printable-activity-booklet/>



Care for the Family

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/faith-in-the-family/playtime/crafts>

Great range of craft ideas and videos too



Scripture Union

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<https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/light-free-resources>

Free teaching packs for multiple ages

Our Light material has helped thousands of children on their journey with Christ over the years.

Here you can access and download complete sessions to help you work with children and young people in church and outside.



Flame (Creative Children's Ministry)

<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/p/things-to-do-at-home.html>

Here are some easy ideas to do at home. Some have printable sheets to help you! Next to each link is a suggested age group suitability but this is flexible!



Sunday School Zone

<https://sundayschoolzone.com/>

SundaySchoolZone.com provides **FREE printable children's Bible activities** for use with kids at home, church, and school, as well as resources for teaching children the Bible.



All Free Kids Crafts

<https://www.allfreekidscrafts.com/>

DIY kids' crafts for Kids to do at Home



In Another Place Challenges and Videos

<https://www.facebook.com/InAnotherPlace/>

We are getting close to Easter, so why not make a cross out of whatever materials you have at home (bonus if it's recycled!) and send us a photo of it. You can post it with the hashtag #EasterInAnotherPlace and we'll bring them all together, stay tuned!

At 11am on Tuesdays and Thursdays we are going to run some Facebook lives for you to join in the crafts at home. We look forward to you joining us then!



YFC – RE: START

<http://request.org.uk/restart/> - CHILDREN

Youth For Christ RE:START Resource for Children, Teachers and Youth wanting to know more about Stories in the Bible! Child Friendly Stories, Videos and Resources! Toolkit for Teachers, teaching RE Curriculum and Christianity in School!



Diddy Disciples

Join us for Bedtime Prayers (Compline) this evening 6.45pm here @DiddyDisciples.

From now on, we'll be using the Church of England's Daily Order for Night Prayer here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/.../night-prayer-contemporary...>



The Bible Society

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/bible-articles/guess-the-emoji-bible-story/>

Guess the emoji Bible story!

Can you guess which Bible stories these emojis are telling

Worship

Many Churches will be doing Live Services during this difficult time to bring Church to you and to be a different kind of church. Here are a few groups who are bringing Church to us in a different way!



Rend Collective (Socially Distant Worship Club)

<https://www.facebook.com/rendcollective>

Rend Collective are inviting you to worship with them on Fridays 2pm CT/7pm GMT! These times together have been so powerful. This one will be extra special for us personally as it's our album release day too!! So come sing some songs and hear a brief word of encouragement from Gareth. Come and be renewed.



Worship for Everyone

<https://www.youtube.com/user/worshipforeveryone>
[Join Nick and Becky Drake for Worship for Everyone for all of the Family at 4pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays](#)



BBC Daybreak with Helen Jones

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p001d7cb>

The BBC has introduced a virtual service on local radio. The service will be broadcast from 8am - 8.30am Sunday morning on BBC Radio Merseyside

Here is the link to the 'Daybreak with Helen Jones' homepage

Prayers

Prayers during the coronavirus pandemic

God of all hope we call on you today.

We pray for those who are living in fear:

Fear of illness, fear for loved ones, fear of other's reactions to them.

May your Spirit give us a sense of calmness and peace.

We pray for your church in this time of uncertainty.

For those people who are worried about attending worship.

For those needing to make decisions in order to care for other

For those who will feel more isolated by not being able to attend.

Grant us your wisdom.

Holy God, we remember that you have promised that

Nothing will separate us from your love – demonstrated to us in Jesus Christ.

Help us turn our eyes, hearts and minds to you.

Amen