

# The Four Ways Mission Community

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Here we are in another week of lockdown and I hope that you are all coping and are all fit and well.

Please remember you can have prayers said for any of your family and friends, either by our Facebook account (see link) where we share morning and Sunday services together every day at 10am live, or "inbox" me, email or phone and they will be included in my afternoon prayers in private or read out in the service.

The link to Mission Prayer is <https://www.facebook.com/mission.prayerprogramme>

We have asked today that people send us photos of your garden flowers to include in our background slides while the service takes place as it will enable people to have something personal in the service.

If you know anyone who would like to be added to my phone-around pastoral care calls, please let me know and let me have the names and numbers. Getting hold of people is so important at this time, and I just don't have everyone's number.

Some breaking news from the Diocese: Mark our Archdeacon is leaving us for a new post, so the hunt is on for someone to replace him. Please keep Mark and his family in your prayers - he has been a wonderful Archdeacon and will be missed by all who were guided by him and were under his care.

It is so hard to see our churches closed and I miss the sense of community, the friendships we share, the laughter and the camaraderie. However, this will be over soon, with I hope lessons learned. It has been wonderful to see communities coming together and nature busting forth. It's been a time also for the planet to heal: I look at "before" and "now" photos of major cities around the world with the "before" grey and visibility so poor with pollution and "now" with blue skies, clear views, indeed, showing us the beauty of our cities towns and villages.

It is important to remember those around the world who are living with this virus without access to medical treatment or, indeed, food and water to meet their daily needs. We need to pray for them but, indeed, put prayer into action when we come out of this, perhaps make friendships and partnerships with people around the world.

I am missing you all, I am missing my family back in Manchester and I know that many of you are in the same situation as myself. Families seem to be scattered around the country nowadays and I pray that each and every one of you are finding joy in contacting them and supporting them as we support each other.

So please keep in touch, share your phone numbers with me, and join me in our daily prayers and reflections.

May God bless and heal us in mind body and soul.

Fr Shaun