

MANCHESTER DIOCESAN PRAYER  
IN A TIME OF CRISIS

O Living God, beloved Father of all,  
your love and faithfulness was shown  
when you led your pilgrim people  
through the waters of the Red Sea,  
and in your Son you brought us home  
as beloved children in your family.

In this time of trial, crisis and fear,  
help us your pilgrim people  
in the Diocese of Manchester,  
to trust in your abundant love and grace.  
Teach us to pray for and serve  
our communities in this different world  
in which we are now set

Through your Guiding Spirit,  
unite us in hope, faith and truth;  
equip us to serve and pray,  
to reach out to those in greatest need,  
and be assured that in all times -  
in times of little and of much,  
in times of fear and of hope -  
your Son always goes ahead,  
revealing to us in the Way of Love.

*Please join with me in saying this prayer on a daily  
basis., I say Morning Prayer at 9.30am &  
Evening Prayer at 5.00pm (except Fridays)*

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Bury Metro are continuing to provide Hot Food for  
the homeless during the current crisis but have  
experienced several of their volunteers having to  
withdraw from face to face activities on medical  
advice.

The places that remain open are Red Door  
(St.Joseph's Presbytery) on a Tuesday between 11:00  
and 14:00 and the Manna House on the following days

Tuesday 10:00 to 12:00  
Wednesday 10:00 to 12:00  
Thursday 11:30 to 13:00  
Saturday 16:00 to 17:30

One other effect of changing to a takeaway service  
has been in increasing the numbers of volunteers  
required each session. If anyone feels they could  
volunteer to assist in this work contact me as soon as  
possible.

They are also running low on stocks of tinned goods  
and toiletries to give out to the guests when they  
attend. Once again please contact me if you can help  
with supplies.

If you know of individuals who you think could make  
use of this provision please inform them of these  
days and times.

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As we begin Holy Week a number of proposals have  
been made to replace the lack of Palm Crosses.

One idea from the Anglican Church in Spain, involves  
putting any green branch on the door of your house  
or in a window to celebrate Palm Sunday.

Another idea from York Diocese, is to invite people  
to make their own palm crosses out of whatever  
materials you have at home and then post  
photographs on social media or via email.

These convey the belief that although we may be  
physically isolated, we are not separated - but united  
as the body of Christ.

The Bishop of Manchester, David Walker, will put a  
paper 'palm' cross in the window of his home during a  
pre-recorded national service he will lead for Palm  
Sunday.

The Holy Communion service will be broadcast at 9am  
on the Church of England's Facebook page and the  
Church of England website.

During this Holy Week there will be several acts of  
worship broadcast on Social media or on radio /  
television. The Church of England website has  
further details of these services.

There are a number of examples on online worship  
taking place at this time. The Diocesan website has  
further details.

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PLEASE CONTACT ME  
IF YOU NEED ANYTHING OR  
YOU KNOW OF ANYONE IN NEED.

PLEASE VISIT OUR CHURCH WEBSITES  
FOR NEWS & UPDATES

STAY SAFE & GOD BLESS YOU