



# *St. Mark's Anglican Church*

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Dear sisters and brothers of St. Mark's

We have just received advice from our Diocesan Bishop that all public services of worship in the Diocese of Huron are suspended, effective immediately, until Wed Apr 8. The measure has been implemented to protect those most vulnerable and to support our public healthcare system with the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus.

We continue to worship and to serve as God's people at St. Mark's. The Diocese will be providing guidance and resources as to what form this takes when we are not gathering together as a community. Your wardens and I will be meeting as soon as we can to make decisions about use of our building by outside groups during this time.

I would ask you all to be attentive especially to the needs of any who may be significantly impacted by this measure. I would implore you to make the wardens and me aware of those needs with the permission of those affected.

As far as I am aware, there are no reported or suspected cases of COVID-19 in Brantford or Brant County as of today. My hope and prayer is that these preventative measures will reduce the risk of any transmission.

Please remember that God is One who promises each of us, 'Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you.' Gathered or not, God remains as present and as real to us as ever. May God bless you with God's peace, trust and hope as we navigate this time of uncertainty. I urge you to pray for those who are ill, those in isolation, all front-line healthcare workers, those working on a vaccine and all those living in fear. Please too pray for one another.

In Jesus' love.

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