

THE TEMPLE CHURCH

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

The Temple Church places the health, safety and well-being of the members of the Inner and Middle Temple, residents, commercial tenants, staff and colleagues and the choir, as well as our visitors and volunteers, as its highest priority. In response to the outbreak of Coronavirus in the UK, we are following advice and guidance from the Government, Public Health England (PHE) and the Church of England, and we are closely monitoring updates and developments.

In accordance with current advice, the Temple Church:

- is open for private prayer [on weekdays between the hours of 12.00 and 14.00], whilst observing 'social distancing' recommendations
- has suspended public worship until further notice.

Much as we regret the need to do so, by closing the Church for public worship we are helping to play our part in preventing the spread of the virus. In place of public worship we shall provide podcasts of Evening Prayer on Wednesdays and Morning Prayer on Sundays which have been recorded in private for broadcast. These may be accessed at [].

During this period the clergy will maintain the ancient pattern of daily prayer and, where possible, the eucharist – live streaming their worship if they have the resources to do so.

Weddings and funerals will continue to be held in Church, subject to the wishes of those directly involved and in accordance with 'social distancing' recommendations.

If you are visiting the Temple Church for private prayer we ask that you kindly use the sanitiser gel provided at the entrance to the Church (South Door). If you have visited any country with a high prevalence of the virus (or you have been in close contact with someone who has), please follow the advice of [Public Health England](#).

For any other queries or concerns, the most up to date Coronavirus information is available at:

- [UK Government information for the public](#)
- [World Health Organisation advice for the public](#)
- [NHS guidelines](#)

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who is affected by this situation (particularly the elderly and those who are isolated and anxious) and we extend our very best wishes to all and to your loved ones. We look forward to resuming our normal pattern of worship and activities as soon as it is advisable to do so.

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