

St Peter's Church building to remain closed for the present – but...

As you may have seen, the Church of England is now allowing individual churches to re-open their buildings for private prayer, if they feel that can be done in a safe manner.

After careful consideration, we have made the decision to keep the St Peter's Church building closed for the present. This is because we felt that reopening the church would not be consistent with our duty of love and care to our community, as it wouldn't be possible for us to guarantee the health and safety of people who entered the building. We don't have the capacity to put hygiene measures into place that would protect worshippers from potential infection with COVID-19.

However, once the church has been deep-cleaned in preparation for when we are able to return for worship, if you feel that you would benefit spiritually from reflection and/or prayer in St Peter's church building, then please contact Rev Jacqueline – 716431 who will be happy to arrange a time with you to open the church – there will be designated prayer space for people to use.

In the meantime, St Thomas on the Bourne have decided that the circumstances are right for them to re-open daily – unmanned - from 9am-5pm.

Of course, we will be monitoring the situation closely, and will let people know any changes in circumstances...

A Prayer for our St Peter's Church

Lord,

We pray for our St Peter's church building –

this is the house of God and he is in this special and sacred space.

We give thanks for those who in years past built this place to his glory.

We give thanks for those who in years past have prayed and worshipped and served in this place to his glory.

We look forward to when we are able to gather once again in the unity of the Holy Spirit in Fellowship and Communion to praise and give thanks to you.

In the meantime, we trust that faithful ears and thankful lips will continue to praise and honour you wherever we are scattered, and will continue to pray in heart and mind in trust that you hear our prayers wherever we are....

In the name of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit we pray; Amen.



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