

The Four Ways Mission Community
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to what is now our 10th weekly "Lockdown Letter" and it comes with my hopes and prayers that you are all keeping well and safe at this time. I understand many are worried by the fast easing of the lockdown but remember that you do not have to rush into anything too quickly.

It feels like the world is going mad at the moment with civil unrest as well as the virus. Thankfully, North Devon has always been a place of stillness and quiet. Right at this very moment in time it is so important for us to maintain our ability to pray, both for ourselves and for our family around the world. We need to pray that the stillness and quiet enjoyed by us here might be felt around the world. We can be grateful that we are connected to the rhythms of life that sit in all creation, in our wildlife, our farms and all that lives and swims in the sea. We are blessed by the very place where we live and, on our long walks in the beauty that surrounds us, we make that connection stronger. Keep that connection strong in your prayer life.

All of us want to see our churches open, but it will be some time yet before we can join together in public worship. Every day we are getting discussion papers on how to achieve that safely. However, as with other walks of life, opinions on this can change from moment to moment. We promise to let you know, though, when we have in place all that needs to be done to make it safe to return to church worship.

Many of you are in situations, due to health conditions, that even when we first open you may not feel that it is safe to return. We will, though, continue to broadcast our Mission Prayer Sunday services as we do now as well as our daily prayer every day at 10am, even when our churches begin to reopen. If you have a computer laptop, iPad or mobile phone with internet connection you can join in or watch at a later time. You are not, nor will not be, forgotten and we will do all we can to ensure that you can join in and be part of the service. If you need any advice on how to get the services just let me know.

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

Please don't forget that, if you or someone you know needs a call, a chat about life, or prayers said with you, let us know so we can make arrangements for you.

Keeping each and every one of you in my prayers.

Fr Shaun