

Worship in Tier 4

Dear friends

I know that it is extremely frustrating, I know all the arguments about spiritual and mental health, I know all about social isolation caused by churches closing for worship – I feel all of those things too. I too am discontented by the need to work in a manner that is not conducive to my personal well-being or natural inclinations. However, it seems to me that, whilst it remains legal, it is probably not prudent to continue to hold public worship in our churches whilst we are in Tier 4, whilst the new and more-infectious strain of Covid 19 circulates and until the majority of our folk have had access to the vaccination programme.

I urge, therefore, that all churches who have been open would reconsider their actions and all preachers who have made themselves available would reconsider their availability. I suggest strongly that we all revert to worship online until the situation changes. If it is now too late to make your own provision for this coming Sunday then please feel free to invite your folk to join in the existing resource that I have produced for the churches in my pastoral care at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5AJSVt8HSbw> which shall be live from tomorrow.

We are very much closer to the end of this situation than we are to its beginning.

Keep the faith, stay safe and know that blessings abound!



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