

## **COVID-19 (Coronavirus)**

In light of yesterday's announcement by the Government that we all should avoid non-essential social contact in the national effort to delay and flatten the peak of the coronavirus outbreak, regrettably we have had to make the difficult decision to pause Sunday services and other Unitarian activities at the Chapel and Hall until further notice. In this, we are joining the ranks of other congregations in our District, some of which ceased services earlier, and in keeping with guidance from our District minister.

Spiritual sustenance is important to us all – perhaps even more so in these challenging times – and we are actively considering ways of feeding our souls by other means. Resources are available within the District, and we are on the cusp of offering our own materials in various formats. We will let you know more as these emerge.

Whilst face-to-face gatherings are off limits, it is essential that we remain bonded as a community. We need to look out for each other, especially our vulnerable and isolated members, not least in practical ways. Many are connected by email, but nothing beats the sound of the human voice. We are looking at reinstating our telephone tree. If you haven't already given permission for us to use your phone number, please consider it now.

Sheena is available for pastoral support via email [revsheenagabriel@gmail.com](mailto:revsheenagabriel@gmail.com) or phone (01483 427204). If you would like to talk to her through skype (newly set up!) please make initial contact via email or phone. Pastoral visits will continue where possible, and as appropriate. The Trustees are available for all other matters at [office@unitariangodalming.org.uk](mailto:office@unitariangodalming.org.uk) and 07801 915513.

In the meantime, we hope that you stay safe and healthy, and in touch.

**Godalming Unitarians' Trustees and the Rev. Sheena Gabriel**

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