

Marston and Elsfield Benefice
NOTICE - SUSPENSION OF SERVICES IN
CHURCH BUILDINGS

In the light of the rapid spread of the new COVID variant, the vulnerability of many in our congregations, and the pressure on our local NHS; and following consultations with our Churchwardens in both Marston and Elsfield parishes, **I have taken the decision to suspend worship in our church buildings with immediate effect from today, Wednesday 6th of January 2021.**

This suspension will be reviewed before Ash Wednesday which falls on February 17th. We will continue to offer our online services via YouTube on a Sunday morning, available from 8am and at 10:45am you can join the church family for coffee via Zoom.

On the St Nicholas Church Facebook page you can join *Bible Chat* on Wednesdays at 10am LIVE or Compline LIVE on Thursdays at 8:30pm, all can be watched later on Youtube ([St Nicholas Church, Marston, Oxford](#)). New to 2021 on Sundays, at 8.30pm, we will host a LIVE Compline service on Zoom (please email Alison for the link)

Although St Thomas will be closed in Elsfield, St Nicholas building will be open for PRIVATE PRAYER between the hours of 9am-6pm. (Please only enter one household at a time and use the star sheets provided so we know where to clean)

Although this is a difficult decision to have to make, I believe it is the right course of action at this time. *If you, or someone you know would like help in accessing our worship, or if you are in need of pastoral care, please do not hesitate to contact us.*

May you know God's blessing, peace and light as this difficult time.
Skye x

Please look at our Website for all recent information - [St Nicholas Church, Marston, Oxford](#). Contact Alison (Tel: Ox 580354, administrator@stnicholasmarston.org.uk) for Zoom links, and for further information on our Confirmation Classes, Choir Practices, Fellowship and Home Groups, Pulse our Youth Group and Sunday Club and other events/activities that meet online such as our Benefice Book Group and Coffee after church services on Zoom.