

KINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH ONLINE NOTICE BOARD - 7

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Lockdown phase 2

The government's announcement yesterday (Thursday 16th April) that lockdown is to continue for a further 3 weeks confirms that we will maintain social distancing and the stay at home policy. We are given no indication when it may be possible to resume meeting together.

Brotherly Love – Hebrews 13.1-3

At the heart of following Jesus is the call to love – we are called to love one another; especially to show brotherly love through care and compassion for those in need. Hebrews 13.3 puts this in a very striking way: we're to remember those who struggle as if we struggled with them – *'remember prisoners as if you were in prison with them; look on victims of abuse as if what happened to them had happened to you'*. (The Message) The daily news is bleak. We hear of people struggling with the most serious human problems: despair, debt, abuse, worry and anxiety, bereavement and extreme loneliness. We may wonder how to show the love of Jesus in these extreme circumstances. Paul helps us: *The first thing I want you to do is pray. As you make your requests, plead for God's mercy and give thanks. Pray especially for rulers and governments to rule well so we can live a quiet and peaceable life, open to God and his will. This is good and pleases God our Saviour.* (1 Timothy 2.1-3) Don't worry if you find it difficult to find words; let God read your hearts; for words – use those Jesus gave: *'Our Father ...'*

Question Time

As lockdown continues I'm planning to continue 'Thought for the Day' on the website through to the end of May. It occurred to me you may have questions you'd like to share: questions about Christian life, about what we believe, about what the Bible says, about Christian worship. I'd be delighted if you emailed your questions to me. One thing you may be sure of is that the question that puzzles you will puzzle others too!

With my love in the Lord
Richard