

**If you find yourself poorly or self-isolating and there is anything we as a church can do to support you, please let us know. We will be happy to shop, cook, chat, whatever it is that will sustain you.**

Dear Friends,

I love it when things come together. Something may be on your mind and you may be surprised to find that the same thing is at the same moment, occupying someone else. So, on Friday Fred work up with Psalm 23 in his head. The bit about walking through the valley of the shadow. He spoke to Val about it. They read it together. It's one of Val's favourites. She reads it every day. Later they received that day's edition of this letter which was about Psalm 23 and walking through the valley of the shadow.

On Saturday, in Sylvia's prayer she wondered if Dene Holm could be offered as a hub if volunteers could make use of it. Later she opened her emails to find one asking about whether the church could become a collection point for those in need.

These things happen, but they leave us wondering about our connection with each other and with God.

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Thank you to those who have been in touch with offers of help. If there's anything we can do the invitation at the top of this page is real. There are people who will be there for you.

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We're glad to be widening the circle of those who receive this letter beyond Gravesend Methodist Church. Some from our Dene Holm Church are now with us, and there may be people from other churches who will also join. It's a way of staying close in a time of social distance and all are welcome.

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I've noticed myself looking at the Bible in a new way. Life with the virus brings out unexpected responses to the passages. Today I was reading the book of Job. Job has had an awesome experience of God. He is left almost speechless. He can just about utter a few words. What he is able to say is this, "I clap my hand to my mouth." And everything within me cries "No Job, whatever you do, don't touch your face."

God bless you,

Tony