

Church Re-Imagined

Prayer, Praise & Loving Service

Starter activity: You have 1 minute to draw a church.



Click on Stopwatch link

Which did it look like?



How did last Sunday feel without going to church?

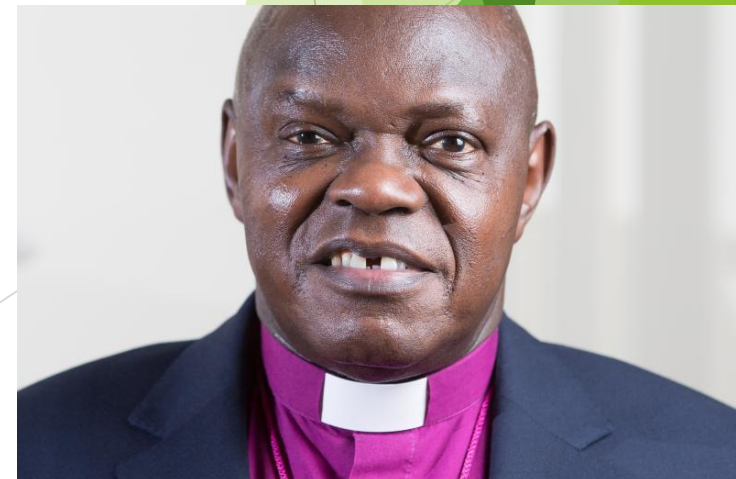
Or maybe a better question:

How did church feel without meeting?



What the Archbishops said:

- ▶ *‘This is a defining moment for the Church of England. Are we truly a church for all, or just the church for ourselves? We urge you sisters and brothers to become a different sort of church in these coming months: **hopeful and rooted in the offering of prayer and praise and overflowing in service to the world.**’*



Prayer

Last Sunday, people all over the country, lit a candle and prayed for the country.
Why not try that now?

Who do you think needs God's help at the moment? Tell him.



Prayer Spaces

This is a prayer space that helped me this week. Here's how



In the Shadows

Reflect on the desert, broken and hopeless. Tell God if you are sad, cross or scared. He wants to hear from you.



In the Light

It's a blank canvas. What have you unexpectedly enjoyed recently? Thank God for it.

Here's some other prayer spaces:

- ▶ Where can you set up your own prayer space?
- ▶ What helps you to pray?
- ▶ Do you need objects or pictures or words?
- ▶ You could make it with paint, pens or things or even on the computer.

- ▶ Take a picture and send it in and we can put them on the website to show how St. Matthew's folk are praying at home.



Praise



1. Find an instrument and sing a song together. If you haven't got an instrument, why not make one.

▶ God loves to see his people enjoying themselves, but we are all different. Try one of these ideas or think of your own.

2. Listen to a favourite worship song on the internet.
[Click here](#) if you can't think of one.

3. Read Psalm 150 out loudly



4. Find a favourite Bible verse and tell someone about it.

5. Make a picture or a craft about something that God made



Loving Service



Read John 13:34- 35

³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

- ▶ Who needs loving right now?
- ▶ What can you do to show love for them?
- ▶ Chose 1 thing and do it.



Grace to finish.

- ▶ Think of someone from church as you say it.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
And the love of God
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Be with us all evermore.
Amen.