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Dear Friends,

I hope you're well, and coping with second lockdown as best you can.

In the church calendar, this time of year has become known as the Kingdom Season, and our Gospel reading takes us to the second of three great Parables of the Kingdom of God in Matthew 25. Rev Carol's sermon reflects the urgency of Jesus' challenge in the Parable of the Talents. I enclose this, along with intercessions from Jane Woolf.

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 Matthew 25: 14-30

Collect: *Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

I am pleased to tell you that Christ Church will now be **open for private prayer on Fridays**, from about 9.30am to 4.00pm, as well as Monday to Thursday.

Do remember that, as well as our Sunday service, we produce a **midweek reflection** which goes out online every Thursday at 9.30am. It gives a thought for the day on something topical (or at least, something that's on my mind, or Lin's), followed by music and prayer. Each one last between 10 and fifteen minutes.

For those without internet access, especially, there's the **Daily Hope phone line** offering music, reflection and prayer from the Church of England every day. It's a 24 hour free-phone number: 0800 804 8044.

News from **Lynn Treneary**, our Church Mission Society link mission partner: her latest letter (attached) says she's about to return to Maridi in South Sudan, and I've seen a Facebook post that says she's got there. Do keep praying for her, and for the people of Maridi.

For the week ahead, let's remain prayerful, faithful and hopeful.

With every blessing

Phil