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Hello everyone,

As we enter February perhaps you, like so many others, are feeling like January was a very long month! So much seems to have happened, and yet it feels like nothing has changed. Things are slowly moving on though: perhaps you, like an increasing number of people, have received your vaccination or perhaps you're starting to hear about friends and family who have done. The days are getting longer too - if not much brighter!

But there are plenty of dark times too - we don't yet know when this lockdown will end and we're still reeling a little from the news of over 100,000 deaths related to COVID.

In our church year too we're feeling a little of that limbo sensation - Christmas and Epiphany are gone, taking with them the brightness and cheer of celebration, and we're not quite at Lent where despite the solemnity we know that we are journeying towards something.

As a staff team we haven't been able to finalise our Lent plans, but we are hard at work trying to find a range of ways to help everyone in our churches mark the season. In the next few weeks you should hear more about this - and hopefully it will help you to mark the season in a meaningful way.

If you're struggling at the moment then please do get in touch, we are still working and ready to help. Whether you need a chat or someone to fetch some shopping - whatever you need the churches are here. You can phone 01432 273086 or contact your Pastoral Coordinator.

Please be assured that you are not forgotten and that you are remembered in our prayers – and that we long for the day when we can meet again as the whole church in one body and one place.

God Bless,

Jo and Ruth

This hymn is one of the suggested hymns for this coming Sunday and the words seem so appropriate for this time that we thought you might like to read it now:

In heavenly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear.  
And safe in such confiding, for nothing changes here.  
The storm may roar without me, my heart may low be laid,  
But God is round about me, and can I be dismayed?

Wherever He may guide me, no want shall turn me back.  
My Shepherd is beside me, and nothing can I lack.  
His wisdom ever waking, His sight is never dim.  
He knows the way He's taking, and I will walk with Him.

Green pastures are before me, which yet I have not seen.  
Bright skies will soon be over me, where darkest clouds have been.  
My hope I cannot measure, my path to life is free.  
My Saviour has my treasure, and He will walk with me.