Knowing Jesus, making Jesus known

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Dear neighbour

I thought it might be appropriate for me to get in touch at this very difficult time for us all, and I hope you don't mind me doing so.

As a community and as individuals we are anxious and worried about many things – ourselves or loved ones catching the Coronavirus, our work and finances, the loneliness that we feel when isolated at home, to name just a few.

We need each other more than ever, and it's a great encouragement to me to hear about how people are helping one another. I'm sure you've heard of the parish council scheme for those who are in need of food or medicines, as well as the new Foodbank. The telephone number for both of these services is 648566. In addition, if you need help, and you don't know where to turn, do feel free to give me a ring and I'd be happy to see what I or a member of the church family can do.

Some of us are also perhaps anxious and concerned, or asking big questions about life and death. I am always available to talk on the phone if anyone would like to be in touch, or you could look at our website, www.anlabychurches.org.uk/questions . You may also be interested to know that we are broadcasting online services each Sunday, at our Anlaby Churches Youtube channel. This can also be accessed via www.anlabychurches.org.uk/online Also, if you'd like to receive "Daily encouragement" emails from me then do email me and I'll add you to the list.

As a Christian, I take great comfort at this time from the words of Jesus. Jesus once said to his followers "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John's gospel, chapter 14, verse 27). I believe that it is possible for any of us to experience the peace that Jesus offers.

I look forward to being in touch with some of you.
With love and prayers.
Yours faithfully

Steve

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Neighbour and vicar