Duntisbournes Coronavirus Support Group.

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Since we distributed our initial *Green Letter*, things have moved on apace, and the Team has been meeting (by video link) to review developments and consider ways to help as our circumstances change. We received very positive feedback, and - encouragingly - many offers of assistance. This update message is the first use of our Coronavirus email distribution list, which we hope will become the normal way for the Support Group to communicate with you.

If you encounter any difficulties through self-isolation - over collection of items, dog-walking etc. don't hesitate to contact either a local 'buddy', a nearby Support Group member (see Green Letter) or <<u>duntisbournehelp@gmail.com</u>>.

Several **food-delivery services** are springing into action, such as Jolly Nice, Miserden Post Office, and in Abbots Julian & Mary Rose Weston have kindly offered a meat and vegetable service (order Tuesday for free delivery Friday): Julian is on 01285 821226 for details. You may also like to know that during these difficult weeks there are back-up resources in Duntisbourne Village Hall (open 8-8 approx), including some **books, DVDs and some basic foodstuffs**. Feel free to use, swap or augment things there without charge - always remembering to observe the essential hygiene and social-distancing rules rigorously.

If you become aware of anyone for whom this is proving an impossibly tricky time financially - through job loss or other exceptional circumstances, do direct them towards Duntisbourne PCC's long-established but little known **'Thomas Hinton' Fund** (via the Rector or a member of the Support Group). This holds some modest reserves, which can be accessed confidentially in times of necessity. [Also incidentally if you would like to add to the Fund, our Treasurer, Colin Russell would be happy to receive a cheque (payable to Duntisbourne PCC)]

Finally at the moment a plethora of information, changing almost daily, is pouring into the Parish from the NHS, CDC and other sources. You can obtain the latest guidance - eg 'symptoms and what to do' - via the Coronavirus tag of the **Duntisbournes Website** which you can reach by Ctrl-click <u>here</u>.

Warm wishes to everyone. Feedback is welcome, so do let us know if/how we can help further.