

### Private Prayer

Under the new *Guidelines*, we could now open our church building for private prayer; but we won't.

Why not?

Because if you came here to pray, we'd have to:

- Make you wash or sanitise your hands at the door
- Instruct you to wear a mask
- Ask if you had Covid-19 symptoms or underlying health conditions, or were in a vulnerable age group (and turn you away if the answer to any of those was yes)
- Take your details for "track and trace"
- Tell you which seat you could sit in
- Warn you not to sing
- Make sure you left by a different door, and that you washed or sanitised your hands on the way out
- Clean and sanitise every surface you touched

Alternatively, you could:

- Sit in your favourite armchair at home with a cuppa
- Have a stroll through the park
- Wander around Bentley Community Woodland and climb to the Pit Top

and talk to God just as easily.

You don't need a special building or special words to talk to God. He loves you and He's listening, so just open your heart to Him.

The church building might be shut, but the windows of heaven are open and God is listening.